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BERLIN WESTERN SECTORS' INDUSTRY SHUTTING DOWN

Berlin, July 9.
The rigours of a siege economy hit Berlin today as power cuts enforced by dwindling fuel reserves in the three Western Sectors of the city crippled essential public services.
A sole standard of living faced thousands of families as an estimated 98 per cent of their industries faced complete shut-down.
Food processing plants—the remaining two per cent of industry in the sectors—are the only industries getting coal, and what is left is being parcelled out to waterworks and sewage pumping plants.
Households will have only four hours of electricity a day, and the already restricted rationed gas allocation to households is expected to suffer a further cut of 50 per cent before the end of the week.
Street traffic, already severely curtailed by lack of petrol, will come to an almost complete standstill at 6 p.m. Railways will also stop operating at 6 p.m. The shut-down of the city's elevated railway system has been averted by a Russian decision to supply the necessary electric current.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON MALAYA CAPITAL PLANNED

Kuala Lumpur, July 9.
Major-General Boucher announced today that rocket-firing Spitfires would attack an insurgent concentration eight miles south of Kuala Lumpur after its presence was reported by a planter. Gurkha troops would follow up the Spitfires.
General Boucher said the planter reported 400 insurgents are planning to attack the Malayan capital but that "I crossed off one naught."

"An airplane and two pilots whom we hope to use against the concentration are taking off to fly over the area and there is a battalion of troops standing by. Late

"Chinese Soviet Govt"

Nanking, July 9.
The Kuomintang Vice-Minister of Propaganda, Mr. Tuo Shi-shen, told the United Press today that party headquarters in Nanking had received an intelligence report that the Chinese Communists were now formalising their Manchurian administration into a "Chinese Soviet government."
He said, according to the intelligence report, the headquarters of the new government will be located in Harbin and its flag will be similar to the Soviet flag with the hammer and sickle in red.

Mutineer To Hang

Singapore, July 9.
A court martial here yesterday sentenced Gunner Sultan Mohamed, of the Hong Kong and Singapore Royal Artillery, to death by hanging for taking part in the 1942 mutiny on Christmas Island, 200 miles south of Java.

Mountbatten Appointment

London, July 8.
Rear Admiral Lord Mountbatten of Burma is to be Flag Officer Commanding the 1st Cruiser Squadron as from next October, it was officially announced tonight.

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Explosion Occurs In Rough Seas Which Hamper Rescue

BLAST ALSO SINKS JUNK

Carrying 64 passengers, including women and children, the ferry-boat, Man Kwong, yesterday struck a mine off Ping Chau Island about eight miles west of Hong Kong, and sank.
A large junk, about 600 yards from the launch, was also sunk by the explosion.
Ten passengers and a crew of about eight were still missing last night. Fifty-four of the passengers have been accounted for.

One, a woman, is dead, another has been admitted to the Cheung Chau Hospital, and the other 52 passengers have been taken back to their homes at Cheung Chau.
As the incident occurred near shore, it is possible that some of the missing may have swam ashore and taken shelter on Ping Chau Island.
The explosion was observed by a Marine Department lookout on Green Island. The Water Police were informed and two police launches, No. 11 and No. 12 were sent out.
Three other launches sent out were forced back by rough seas. When the scene was reached, sampans and another ferry-boat on its way to Cheung Chau Island were observed picking up survivors from the sea.

The sea was exceptionally rough in the region of Ping Chau. The Man Kwong was lying in four fathoms with only a foot of her funnel showing above the waterline.
The No. 12 Police Launch with Inspector W. Billingham in charge, developed engine trouble and was drifting at the mercy of the sea. It was for this reason that the No. 11 launch, with Inspector T. McCarthy in charge, was in the vicinity and after several attempts managed to take No. 12 in tow.
The area near Ping Chau was formerly mined. The police believe that the ferry contacted a submerged mine because of the low tide existing at the time.
The wreck is now lying about 500 yards east of Ping Chau.

FERRY IN DIFFICULTY

While trying to swing to the west side of the Star Ferry pier on Connaught Road Central at 1.30 a.m. yesterday, a ferry was caught by the chain of a small mooring buoy. Its propeller became entangled with the chain.
Except for a short delay, no other inconvenience was caused to the passengers. The chain was later dislodged and by 3.30 a.m. the ferry was plying again between the mainland and the island.

NO BIDS ON NT LAND SECTIONS

Seventeen lots of land, ranging from .01 to 4.86 acres, in the New Territories attracted no bidders and were sold to the original applicants by Mr. Wakefield at the District Office, New Territories, yesterday.
All lots were sold for a period of 75 years from July 1, 1888, with the right of renewal for another 24 years (less three days) at a reassessed Crown rent.

A special condition attached to the agricultural lot was that no cultivation is allowed within 15 feet of any graves that might be in the area.
Lot 2304 at Sha Tau Tau, Tung Chung (Lantau Island), with an area of 4.86 acres and annual Crown Rent of \$4, was sold to Mr. Tung Kam-yun of Lantau Island at the upset price of \$63. Reasonable improvements are to be made.

With an area of .12 acre and Crown Rent of \$90, Lot 200 at Tai Wan Koi was sold to Mr. Tsui Yin-chun of the South Seas Textile Manufacturing Co., Federated Building, for \$2,500 on the condition that the rateable improvements would not be less than \$2,400.
A third building lot, No. 599, at Tai Po Tsai was sold to Mr.

am-ao, married woman, of Tai Po Tsai for \$35. The rateable improvements on this lot were placed if land must not be less than \$500. The annual Crown Rent is \$2.
Successful Applicant
Mr. Tung Kam-yun was also the successful applicant for four agricultural lots at Sha Tau Tau at \$4 (.04 acre), \$159 (1.45 acres), \$532 (4.86 acres), and \$128 (1.17 acres).

Four lots at San Ah Shui, Kowloon, and two at Tai O, were sold to Mr. Tsang Yung, Managing Director of the Blue Taxicabs Ltd., at prices ranging from \$22 (.10 acres) to \$204 (1.21 acres).
Mr. Chan Suh was the purchaser of a .35 acre and a 1.59 acre agricultural lot at Ting Sham Leng, Lantau, for \$77 and \$247, respectively.
A .05 acre lot at Ma Wan Island was sold to Mr. Lee Tai of Ma Wan for \$5, while a garden lot at Cheung Chau Island (.08 acre) was knocked down to Mr. T. H. Roussell of 7, Victory Avenue at the upset price of \$1,025.

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Bernadotte In Amman

Haifa, July 9.
Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations Mediator for Palestine, this morning flew from Rhodes to Amman, Transjordan capital.
It was reported here that he had gone for a surprise meeting with King Abdullah of Transjordan at the King's sudden urgent request.
In Haifa, on his way back to Rhodes, Count Bernadotte declined to make any statements.—Reuter.

FRICION ON MANUS ISLAND

Washington, July 9.
Government officials confirmed today there had been "some friction" between Australians and Chinese on Manus Island in the South Pacific where all three governments are involved in the disposal of surplus wartime property.

The difficulties have been smoothed out, they said, and the work of exporting war stock to China is proceeding without incident.
The United States will maintain a protective force there until the Chinese have completed the removal job. This naval force consisted of one naval officer and 20 Navy men.

Extension Asked
Despatches from Australia reported difficulties on the island and Nanking said China has asked the United States to extend the time its mission will remain on the island to protect the Chinese.

Australians here disclaimed knowledge of events on Manus but Chinese here confirmed they have asked the United States to extend the time its mission will remain on the island to protect the Chinese.

The United States created military bases on Manus during the war although it was Australian-controlled. Since the war the United States said "removable" war surplus there to the Chinese and negotiated to lease with the Australians "non removable" installations, docks and air strips.

United States officials on the Foreign Liquidation Commission said the Chinese came to Manus about January 1 to take movable stocks. After some time, they encountered "difficulties" with the Australian plantation owner named Fletcher. They could not identify him further.

Fletcher could not understand the reasons for the presence of the Chinese and resented them taking away some material located on his plantation. Some friction arose from this and at one time the Chinese got rough with the natives. The local authorities tried to seize the Chinese who at first resisted and then surrendered.

Other Reasons
Since then the case had been handled through routine channels of law and consequently things have been proceeding smoothly, at least for the last two months.

Other reasons are involved besides friction on the island's transportation difficulties and the fact that not all surplus property had yet been designated.

United States officials said they could not confirm that the Chinese have asked for protection for a longer period but said it would be provided as long as necessary irrespective of such a Chinese request.

The period for the Chinese to remove the property had been extended on two or three occasions because of their inability to complete the work in the period originally expected. The Chinese have had transportation difficulties in moving goods from other islands.

Names and details are sketchy, said the American officials, but Australian officials on the island cooperated fully.

It is estimated there are about 25 shiploads of removable surplus for the Chinese of which so far they have shipped about 12 or 15 shiploads.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

The bodies of two of the missing passengers of the mined ferry were picked up by Police and Ferry Company's launches shortly before midnight.
This leaves eight still unaccounted for. They are believed to have landed at Ping Chau.

The entire crew of 11 have been accounted for. They were brought in at midnight. The engineer was injured.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK K. B. LEE'S PLANE

ACID SPLASHED ON TAIL AND RUDDER TWISTED

An attempt to wreck a Piper Cub plane, owned by Mr. K. B. Lee, millionaire sportsman, was made at Kai Tak airport on Wednesday, the "China Mail" learned officially yesterday.
Just before the aircraft was to be tested by Mr. A. S. Halls, Far East Flying School instructor, acid was found splashed on the tail. It was still fresh.

The police were still investigating the matter yesterday. Mr. A. H. Elston, Director of Criminal Investigation, told the "China Mail" last night that no theories—whether it was an attempt on the life of Mr. K. B. Lee, or an attempt to wreck the machine—had yet been formed by the police. The acid-eaten fabric has been sent to the Government Analyst.

In addition to the acid on the tail, the rudder of the plane was bent. The discovery was made by Mr. H. K. Watt, engineer of the Far East Flying School, during a routine inspection at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday. Mr. Lee arrived shortly afterwards.

"Planes have been on the ground for the past two years but we have never experienced such 'vicious' incidents," said Mr. W. F. Duden, Director of the Far East Flying School. He added: "I can't imagine who tampered with the plane, or why."

Five Other Aircraft
Mr. Lee's plane was parked at the Far East Flying School. There were five other aircraft at the same place. The Piper Cub was about six feet away from the nullah on the border of the airfield.

Mr. Duden said that normally at 6.45 a.m. mechanics are busy preparing for morning flights. It is possible that the rudder could have been bent by some careless schoolboy carrying a heavy load and travelling through the narrow spaces between the plane and the nullah wall. He could not, however, form any theory on the presence of fresh acid on the plane's tail.

The Flying School employs two armed guards who are on duty daily between 6.30 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Only Private Flier
Mr. K. B. Lee, a stock broker, is the younger brother of Mr. S. W. Lee, well-known racehorse owner and jockey. He is the first and only individual in Hong Kong to own a private plane. His first aircraft was a two-seater British Avro Cadet bought in 1939. This was taken over by the Government in 1940 when private flying was banned.

After the war, Mr. Lee bought a North American AT-6 Texan two-seater and early this year he purchased a Republic Seabee four-seater amphibian.

The Piper Club was bought recently at Manila.

San Francisco, July 8.
Seven Hollywood variety performers will leave on Saturday for Manila where they will open in a variety show at the Manila Grand Opera House on July 15.

The team is expected to tour the Philippines, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore.
They will be preceded by Miss Donna Murphy, Director of the Far Eastern Entertainment Enterprises Inc., who will leave today by the Philippines Air Lines.

Miss Murphy, who secured the performers, said it will be the first American variety show to leave for the Far East since the end of the war.
In Manila, the seven will join an 18 piece Filipino band and a 10 girl chorus line which are now in rehearsal.

The group consists of vocalist Joan Page, roller-skater Billy Passo, comic juggler Murray Parker, an Adagio dance team, the Stapletons—and a tap dance team, Don and Delores, Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

An extensive area of low pressure covers China and Japan with a main trough stretching eastward from the depression over Mongolia across O Japan and another trough covering most of China with shallow depressions centered over Yunnan and Chekiang.
From the Pacific anticyclone a ridge of high pressure stretches to the Philippine side with a separate anticyclone centered near the Bonins.

Today's Forecast—Light or moderate southerly winds. Overcast with rain and occasional showers. Improving temporarily during afternoon.
Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 82.8 deg. F. Minimum: 71.8 deg. F. Humidity: 61 per cent. Rainfall: 21.8 mm.—0.86 in. Total since Jan. 1—914.7 mm.—36.0 in. as against an average of 1048.8 mm.—41.27 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 10.05.4 10.09.8 m.b. Squall 10.70 10.84 inches. Sat. Humidity 61 per cent. Dew Point 70 71 deg. F. Wind Direction WSW Gales Wind Force 20 20 knots. Clouds 20 20. High 1014 4.3. Low 1008 2.9. Barometer 1009 8.1. Low 1006 0.0.

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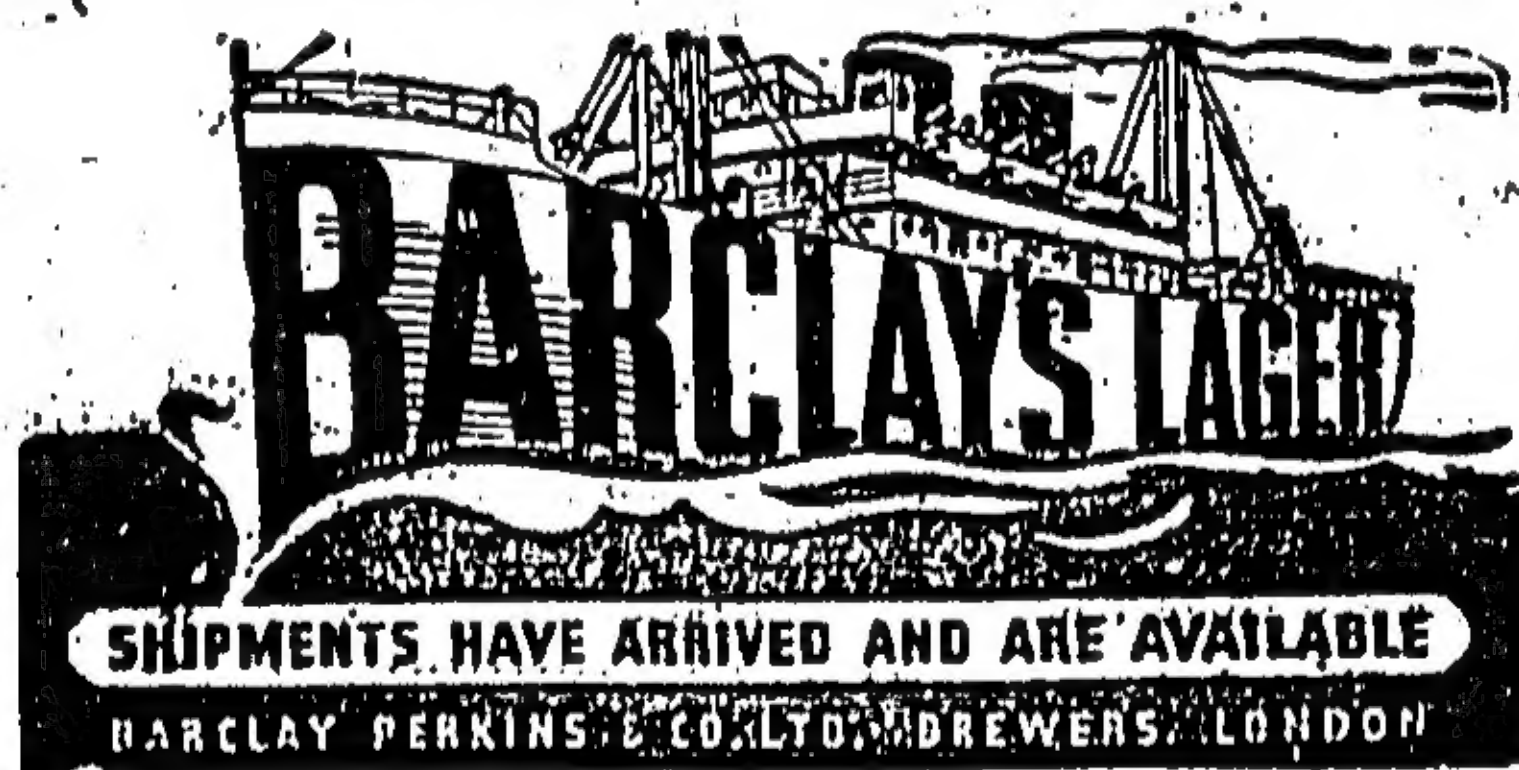
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WINDSOR HOUSE

Opium Divan
Discovered
By Accident

On their way to demolish some unnumbered sheds at Sai Yee Street, on July 8, Public Works Department officers discovered an opium divan and notified Sub-Inspector Andrews of Mong Kok Police Station.

Lee Sang, 47-year-old coolie, was arrested together with six smokers, and five pipes, 10 lamps and a small quantity of opium seized.

Charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Lee was fined \$750 (or four months' imprisonment), and his smokers \$35 each.

Three unnumbered huts at Shek Kip Mei, Village were raided by Detective-Inspector, C. Dowman on Thursday and nine men were arrested in connection with opium offences.

Law Fat, charged with keeping a divan, was fined \$150 (or six weeks' gaol), and his three smokers \$25 each. The two pipes and two lamps were confiscated.

Pang Wah, pleading guilty to keeping a divan and possession of two opium pipes and two lamps, was fined \$100 (or four weeks' imprisonment). His two customers were fined \$20 each.

Pleading not guilty to the charge of keeping a divan, Chan Fong-tung was remanded until this morning. His friend, denying the count of smoking was also remanded for 24 hours.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth was the prosecutor in all cases.

Burglary
Attempt
Failed

Arrested by Detective-Sergeant Tse Yung within 45 minutes of an unsuccessful attempt to break into the second floor of 548 Shanghai Street in the early hours of Thursday morning, Chow Pei was sentenced to a year's hard labour and recommended to be banished by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth said that the offender, who was the Shanghai Street address, was awakened on July 9 by the sound of someone breaking the lock of the iron grille and door.

He looked through a hole in the staircase light, and saw accused running up the stairs towards the roof. A thorough search of the roof by the Police proved abortive.

Three-quarters of an hour later, Det-Sgt. Tse Yung saw accused loitering at Portland Street near Shantung Street and took him to Lo Wing who immediately identified him as the man who tried to break in.

Geese Gave
Alarm

The cackling of geese awoke Chan Shu-ling, poultry store master, in the early hours of Thursday morning. He saw a man walking off with a goose under each arm.

Detained by Chan, the man, Wong Tsui, admitted having stolen the two geese from an open crate outside the Luen Hing Lung poultry store at Shek Lung Street.

Wong was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with larceny. Inspector J. Orem told the Court that accused had two convictions for larceny in 1947.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended to be banished.

Orchestra
Rehearsals

Members of the Sino-British Club Orchestra have decided to continue rehearsals from July 21 at 8 p.m. at St. John's Cathedral, Hail, Garden Road.

A new committee has been elected and plans made for the first part of the 1948-49 season.

Residents interested and able to play orchestral instruments, especially wood and brass, but who do not have an instrument, are requested to write to the Hon. Secretary (A.H. Bentley, 408, The Koo Choy Bldg., Tel. No. 33122).

There is a possibility that instruments may be purchased if players are available.

The Orchestra has made only two appearances in its first season. Greater playing support is necessary.

LETTER OF
THREAT

Three out-of-work men, all in their early 20s, were charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with uttering a letter demanding money from the Canton-Hallway motor vehicles foreman, at the K.C.N. servants' quarters, on July 7.

On the application of Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, the three men were remanded for three days in custody.

POP

Judgment Reserved
On Wood Murder
Conviction Appeal

A Full Court comprising Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice J. Reynolds (Appeal Judge), reserved judgment yesterday on an appeal by Lau Hoi alias Lau Yun-hoi and Ho Cheuk-kui against their conviction for the murder of Mr. Lytton Davis Wood on February 11.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. H. T. Matches, represented the Crown.

Both accused were represented by Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. F. J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grant.

The appeal was based on the following grounds: (1) That the admission made by the accused was wrongly admitted; (2) That the Chief Justice misdirected and nondirected the jury on the evidence relating to the taking of certain statements which evidence was relevant on that point of the weight to be attached thereto by the jury; (3) That the Chief Justice failed to put the case for the defence fully before the jury and (4) That the verdict was against the weight of the evidence.

Mr. Wright said that without the statements made by the accused, there was no other evidence produced by the prosecution sufficient to convict the accused. These statements contained a garbled account of events which had taken place and were untrue because they had been made under duress.

The jury had, said Mr. Wright, been asked to infer that the accused were guilty simply because they were present at the place where the murder took place.

The Last Judges

Asked by Mr. Justice Gould as to whether or not he was able to rule a statement as involuntary when the Judge had ruled it to be voluntary, Mr. Wright said it had been done before and the jury themselves were the last judges of the facts.

Mr. Wright also dealt at length with the evidence of the doctor relative to the scars on the fingers of first accused.

Mr. Lonsdale said that where a Judge had discretionary power to admit evidence, unless it could be shown he was wrong in law, the discretion could not be challenged on appeal, except in the same way as a jury's decision on facts. It was unreasonable.

In connection with the admission of a statement as voluntary, the matters which tended to show that it was voluntary, may or may not be relevant to the ultimate question of guilt. In fact as they were relevant for the jury to determine guilt, when they were matters of which the jury should have taken cognizance and to be directed on by the presiding Judge. If irrelevant, then they should not be considered by the jury.

After Mr. Wright had replied briefly, the Court reserved judgment.

Student
Barricade

Kunming, July 9. Students of the Yunnan University, said a military middle school, barricaded themselves within their respective compounds as a result of student demonstrations and subsequent arrest of five youths.

The students, whose demonstrations began in April, American soldiers in Japan and developing into a protest against the Nanking Government, refused to leave their schools until their companions were released from arrest.

At the same time, word reached here from Lanchow that student demonstrations there, following the Tientsin affair, were reaching alarming proportions.

AMBASSADOR
TO CANBERRA

Mr. Kuo Nai-kwong, Chinese Ambassador to Canberra, was the guest of honor at a cocktail party at the Jacobson Rooms, Hong Kong Hotel, yesterday afternoon, given by fellow members of the Chinese University Alumni Association.

Mr. Kuo, who arrived in the Colony on Wednesday, will leave on July 12 to take up his new appointment.

Taxicab
Murder
Appeal

An appeal in connection with the "taxicab" murder at Victoria Road on Chinese New Year's Day was heard yesterday by a Full Court comprising Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice J. Reynolds (Appeal Judge).

The appeal was lodged by Leung Wing and Leung Ngau who were sentenced to death by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), when found guilty by a jury on May 7, on a charge of having murdered Ip Woon-nin taxi driver.

The Crown was represented by Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Det. Insp. G. E. Willerton.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart of Messrs. Tao and Hodgson, represented both accused.

The appeal was based on the following grounds: (1) The Judge misdirected the jury in not leaving the verdict of manslaughter to them; (2) The verdict was contrary to the weight of the evidence; (3) The circumstantial evidence, on which the accused were convicted, was equally consistent with their innocence and (4) The Judge wrongly refused defence counsel's application, without having to comply with conditions imposed by Crown Counsel.

After lengthy submissions on points of law by counsel for the defence and prosecution, hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday, when Mr. Lonsdale will continue his arguments on the law relative to ground (4) of the appeal.

STOLEN GOVT PETROL
RACKET SMASHED

Petrol stolen by drivers of Government, Military and Naval lorries was delivered to 62, Larch Street and re-sold by the seven operators there at \$6 a four-gallon tin to "regular" customers and \$7 to "casual" buyers, said Chief Detective Inspector J. Johnston of the Anti-Corruption Squad at Kowloon yesterday.

The revelation was made by C.D.I. Johnston when he asked Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr to take a serious view of the case in which Mak Yuk and Wong Sing-lui, (accountant of the Tak Kee Transportation Co. of 733, Nathan Road, third floor) were charged with receiving a quantity of petrol on June 17.

Defendants, who were convicted on the charge, were remanded on bail of \$1,000 to July 18 for sentence.

Detective Chan Keung, attached to Central C.I.D., said that shortly after noon on June 17 he went, disguised as a coolie, with a party of Police to 62 Larch Street where they took into custody seven men on the charge of conspiring to steal a quantity of petrol.

About two hours later he saw defendant driving up to them on a lorry owned by the Wing Tai Transportation Co., and asked the arrested men whether they had petrol for sale. Leo Man-tung (who was sentenced to three months' hard labour on June 19) replied in the affirmative and with witness, boarded Mak's lorry and drove to a vacant piece of ground about 50 yards away where a number of lorry tins of petrol were stored.

Leo, who had given defendant back \$4 change, witness arrested and brought him to the Yau-mat Police Station.

Witness, in reply to second accused, denied that Wong gave a traffic signal that he was going to turn left. Defendant, he declared, definitely waved with his right hand.

Mak, in evidence, said that he did not know that the petrol was stolen. He was told by some friends that he could buy petrol from 62 Larch Street and when he got it, he paid the price charged. In reply to the Magistrate, Mak said that he had been in Hong Kong for 10 years and have a wife and child in the country.

Not a "Regular"

Wong declared that he did not wave to the group of men outside the house but simply gave a left-turn signal. He denied that he was a regular customer and got his four-gallon tin for \$6 instead of \$7.

To the Court, defendant said that he was born in Hong Kong, was single, and employed as an accountant at \$300 per month. The jeep (No. 0084) was purchased for \$3,000 and belonged to members of his family.

Requesting that a serious view be taken, C.D.I. Johnston said that without buyers there would be no thieves. The petrol was seized as soon as it was delivered to the dump.

On June 16, six of the operators were sentenced to six months' hard labour, and the seventh, Leo Man-tung, to three months. One driver was given 12 months, Ave-nia, months, and other eight drivers were remanded until July 14 when, with three more arrested on June 10, the charge of larceny against them will be heard.

WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?

32312 OR 24354

Student Tricked
Police Into
Arresting Coolie

Cheung Wei-sun, a teen-age student of the Lai Chuk Middle School of 12 Tak Hing Street, misled the Yau-mat C.I.D. and was responsible for an innocent casual coolie being arrested and charged, with him, with demanding money by threatening letter.

A careful check made by Det. Sub-Inspector, W. G. Morrison and Detective Tui Tik-wing on the movements of the coolie at the material times led, to the withdrawal of the charge against him on June 26.

Cheung, charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, with uttering a letter demanding \$200 with menaces, from Leung Chung, foreman of the shipping office of Tai Kee Transportation Co., at 88 Reclamation Street, third floor, was committed for trial.

Mr. C.A. Hutchinson, who is appearing for the defence, said that on the morning of June 12, Leung's agent, Wong Tai, saw and checked up a letter which was lying about two feet inside the door of the premises. She handed it to Cheung, who brought it to the office at David House to hand to the complainant.

Shortage Of Money

The letter, dated June 12 and addressed to Leung Chung, said: "As our society is facing a shortage of money, we now ask you for a loan of \$200. If you are generous to comply with our request, but the money in the first hole in the wall of the staircase leading to the second floor at 11 p.m. today."

Failing to comply, it is advisable that all of your people should take care. Signed, Members of the Tang Yee Tong."

On a report being received, a trap was laid by Det. Morrison and Detective Wong Yau, Sim Hoi and Tui Tik-wing kept watch on the house. Shortly before midnight, accused was seen coming down the stairs from the second floor, approach the hole in the wall, and take out the dummy parcel.

He then returned to the upper flat, followed by Det. Wong and Tui. On being questioned, after he had admitted the two detectives into the flat, defendant denied all knowledge of the matter and stated that he was a student.

While his two colleagues were upstairs, Detective Sim, who was keeping watch in the street, heard something strike the ground and, on picking it up, found it to be the same dummy parcel handed to them by Det. Morrison.

Same Handwriting

At the Police Station defendant, asked to give a specimen of his handwriting, wrote, in block characters, When he copied parts of the letter in "clawing characters," it was found that the handwriting was the same.

An agreement to the Police on the following morning, defendant said: "I went out at 7.30 a.m. on June 10 and when I arrived at the corner of the roadway outside the Tai Kiu, Kiu, Shan, Yee, Yee, a Chinese man asked about 20, asked me to write a letter which I did on the same date in the 'Summer House' in the Room Chung Park."

The Chinese man then told me to collect the parcel at 11 p.m. on June 12, on the 11th floor, leading up to the second floor of 88 Reclamation Street."

After I collected the parcel, I immediately returned to the second floor and closed the door. The Police gave chase and threw the parcel into the street. I had made an appointment with the Chinese man to see him again at 8 a.m. on June 18 at the corner of the roadway outside the same tea-house."

Accused, said Det. Morrison gave him a description of that Chinese man and later, brought detectives to Reclamation Street where, outside house 94, he pointed to a man as the one who had forced him, at King George V Park, to copy a letter. The Police and cheques of that man's alibi were conclusively that he had nothing whatsoever to do with the case and, after two remands before the magistrate, he was discharged.

UNFOUNDED

London, July 8. The Commonwealth Secretariat, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, said today that India had complained that British arms and British planes were smuggling arms into Hyderabad.

Mr. Noel-Baker told the House of Commons that, although the Government had shown that arms or ammunition were being sent from British to India, United States, and other countries.

JAP REPEATS

During the week ending July 5, 123 Japanese were reported to have been taken to the Japanese Consulate in London, and 124 to the Japanese Consulate in Hong Kong.

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Colonial Officer Attacked By MP

London, July 8.
Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative M.P., suggested today that the British Government should adopt the principle that no territory might leave the British Empire when by doing so it imperilled Imperial strategy and communications.

"I suggest that it should be the Imperial Parliament which must decide the pace of constitutional advance and not a politically conscious and vocal minority. Unless we are definite on these points we lay ourselves open to agitation and blackmail," said Mr. Gammans, speaking during a debate in the House of Commons on Colonial Affairs.

Religion On Upgrade

Tokyo, July 8.
The number of independent religious groups in Japan has increased by 500 per cent since the beginning of the occupation. Dr. W. K. Bunce, chief of the SCAP's Religious and Cultural Resources Division, said today.

Indicating the advantage taken by the Japanese of their new religious freedom, independent Buddhist sects have increased from 28, at the end of the war, to nearly 100; Shinto from 14 to 85; and Christianity from three to 16.

The most recent Christian Churches re-established in Japan were the Lutheran and Nazarene.—Reuter.

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8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
8.15 p.m.—"Saturday Round-Up" "The Olympic Game" (Studio).
8.30 p.m.—"Radio Comedy Favourites" by Russian Composers.
9.15 p.m.—"Commentary" on 3rd Test (London Relay).
9.30 p.m.—"Lady in a Fog" A Mystery Play by Lester Powell, Episode 2: "O'Gorman of Illington" (DBCTB).
10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—"Cabaret" and Dance Music.
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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He also referred to a "very unsatisfactory and potentially dangerous" situation developing in Seychelles in the Indian Ocean where a "pocket Hitler" seems to be working off his colour prejudice.

He gave no details. Dr. Selwyn Clarke is the Governor of the Seychelles.

"Did the Government propose to send a parliamentary or any other sort of mission to investigate conditions in this very seldom visited island?" he asked.

When the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Creech Jones, asked against whom the charge was directed, Mr. Gammans replied: "I am referring to the Attorney General, Mr. Collett, whose conduct would bear more close investigation than the Colonial Office appears to give it."

"Quite Unjustified"

Dr. David Rees Williams, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, replying to the debate said that Mr. Gammans' attack on an officer of the Colonial Service was "quite unjustified" and should never have been made in Parliament.

It was the custom of the House that people not in a position to defend themselves should not be attacked.

Mr. Gammans: "Will you arrange that I should have time in a subsequent debate, to elaborate in detail what I have said?"

Mr. Rees Williams: "You alleged this officer was a 'pocket Hitler', a copiarist that one of the worst affronts that anyone can make. What has this officer done? He has been pressing landlords of Seychelles to pay their arrears of income tax."—Reuter.

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AUSTRO-POLISH TRADE PACT

London, July 8.
A one-year trade pact under which Poland will supply 1,300,000 tons of coal to Austria has been signed in Vienna, Warsaw Radio reported today.

Poland will also send Austria fish food and insecticides, the total value of her exports reaching about £4,500,000.

In return, Austria will supply metals, mining equipment and industrial goods to a value of about £2,200,000, making up the balance by a money payment.—Reuter.

SKIRMISHING IN INDO-CHINA

Paris, July 8.
French forces in Indo-China, fighting against the Vietminh guerrillas, have been engaged recently in numerous local skirmishes and intense patrol activities rather than on big-scale operations, the French High Command reported in a communiqué quoted by the French press agency in a despatch from Saigon today.

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SOVIET OFFICERS IN ALBANIAN CAPITAL

London, July 8.
The Tirani Radio reported tonight that a Soviet military delegation arrived in the Albanian capital today.—Reuter.

PRAGUE BEGINS A PURGE

Prague, July 8.
Two Czechoslovak Ministers—the Minister of Education and the Minister of Interior—have called for full reports on the political demonstrations during the Sokol—Czechoslovak National Gymnastic—organisation Festival here, during which the police made between 100 and 200 arrests.

The Ministers are expected to present these reports to the Cabinet early next week. Today, the last day of the Sokol Festival, leaders of the Sokol organisation expressed misgivings about the probable Government retaliation for the demonstrations.

The authorities had warned the leaders that they would be held responsible for any untoward incidents. The Sokol organisation has begun a widespread purge in its leadership with control passing gradually to the trade union and Communist Party organisations.

The main subjects of the reports to the Cabinet are expected to be the organised shouting of pro-Benes slogans by the Sokols and the effect on the Festival of the participation by foreign guests.—Reuter.

SEIZURE OF ALLIED PROPERTY

London, July 8.
It is reliably learned today that consultations between Britain, United States and France are taking place with a view of approaching collectively or individually the Rumanian Government on the question of nationalised foreign oil companies in Rumania.

It is expected that they will protest that Rumania had violated the peace treaty pledge of Rumania of granting the most favoured nation treatment to all United Nations regarding "all matters appertaining to commerce, industry, shipping and other forms of business activity."

The point would be that the oil companies of the Western Allies have been nationalised while shares of the Soviet State in the Rumanian oil industry were not affected by the nationalisation law.

The tripartite consultations, it is understood, will also touch upon the compensation problem. So far Rumania has showed itself unwilling to grant any compensation to foreign oil companies except in the form of Rumanian Government bonds.

It is believed that Britain is ready to accept such Rumanian produce as petroleum and wheat instead of money compensation.—United Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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GOOD AT LOWER LEVELS
WHEN we talk about squeezes, throw-ins and trump coups, we usually have in mind devices employed to make high contracts. Every one of those can be helpful also with contracts at lower levels after preceding tricks have stripped the hands down to the point where the same relative positions of cards are found as when the gaudy plays are applied at the high altitudes.

S. Q 8 4
H. Q 8 5 4
D. 8 6
C. A 6 5 4

S. None
H. J 6 3 2
D. A 10 9
C. 4 3 2

S. J 10 5 3
H. A K 10
D. K Q
C. 9 3 2

S. A K 9 7
H. 9 7
D. J 7 5
C. K Q 10

(Dealer: South. North - South vulnerable.)

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1 S 2 D 2 S 1 S
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S. Q 3
H. 10 5
D. A Q 10 7 4
C. A J 8 7

S. J 10
H. K J 8 3
D. 8 3 2
C. K Q 3

S. A K 5 4 2
H. A 7 4
D. J 5 4
C. 10 5

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Democratic Socialism And Bureaucratic Collectivism

As I write this dispatch the House of Commons is very anxiously awaiting the moment when Mr. Bevin may rise and make a Cabinet pronouncement on the grave situation in Berlin. Thus we reach the climax in a week of mounting tensions which began with George Isaacs going off to America convinced that the dockers' strike was all over bar the shouting and with Mr. Bevin setting out on his long delayed week's holiday in the English Channel. It ends with Mr. Isaacs, subjected to hostile criticism for remaining abroad and with Mr. Bevin whisked off his holiday yacht cruise in mid-Channel by a motor torpedo boat and rushed by Admiralty car to London to face a special Cabinet meeting called to consider the developments in Germany.

Only a couple of somewhat oblique references have been made on the floor of the House this week to Russia but Mr. Waldron Smithers (Conservative, Orlington) scored a neat bullseye which aptly summarises recent events.

Fantastically Inaccurate

Wellington, July 9. Mr. Angus McLagan, the New Zealand Minister of Immigration, today described as "fantastically inaccurate" a press report that "between 50 and 70 per cent of Government-assisted settlers to New Zealand and Australia are returning dissatisfied to Britain."

Of 1,500 so far brought out to New Zealand, only 15 had returned to Britain, he declared.—Reuter.

British Aid To Transjordan

London, July 9. The number of British officers and other ranks seconded from the British forces for service with the Government of Transjordan was 23 and 16 respectively, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said in Parliament today. None of them was in Palestine.

Four British civilian officials were seconded to the Transjordan Government. These arrangements, he said, ceased when the British mandate ended on May 15. These still serving were not seconded from the service of the British Government but were purely private individuals.

Mr. William Warbey, Labour, asked: In view of the declaration of King Abdullah that he intends to fight on until the Jewish State is destroyed, will you not recall these men to serve where they belong, namely, in this country?

Mr. Mayhew did not answer, nor did he reply to Mr. Richard Stokes, Labour, who asked if he would make recommendations to the United States Government that it should withdraw its help to the Jews.—Reuter.

NIGHT CLUB DECISION

Manila, July 9. Night clubs, numbering over 50, which were ordered closed early this week by the Mayor because they violated the provisions of two Executive orders, will not reopen until President Quirino makes a final decision to relax the restrictions, it was reliably learned today.—Reuter.

ago as 1905. For a year or two afterwards, it remained "a mere pious aspiration of an entirely nebulous character" but thanks to the generosity of Sir Hormusjee Mody and the energy of Sir Frederick Lugard the idea fostered by the "China Mail" bore fruit. Subsequent residents of the Colony who flourished under the good order the Government established here brought in their contributions to extend its scope, but there has as yet since the Pacific War been nothing comparable with the generosity of the donors who endowed the old foundations of universities in Britain and America.

To a great extent the measure of Hong Kong in the eyes of the world will be, not its commerce, but its contributions to civilisation. If Hong Kong desires to be esteemed as it thinks it should be esteemed, it must see that its University is a worthy seat of learning and a contribution to mutual understanding between Britain and the East.

Heard, McNeil had been rather closely tickled by Mr. Hughes (Labour, South Yorkshire) who tried to persuade him we ought to invite the Russians to take part in the World Food Plan and to whom Mr. McNeil had replied that as members of the United Nations Food Organisation "we are ready to co-operate with anyone and could only regret Russia's absence. Whereupon a predictable speaker in the Commons, convulsed the House by interjecting, "How can you play lawn tennis with a man who will not send the ball back?"

Dockers' Strike

As for the dockers' strike the Cabinet's quandary was more difficult because of the implied challenge to trade unionism. Looking ahead to the next general election, as Labour leaders are now doing, earnestly, these unofficial strikes are recognised as likely to prove a powerful weapon for Opposition speakers who will use them to support the contention that Labour cannot govern.

With the same object in view, attacks on the progress of nationalised industries are being fought back with growing vigour. We saw this three times in Parliament this week. The Lords took a hand in it when debating the Gas Bill.

Trying to soothe the Opposition the Lord Chancellor, Lord Jowitt, was ready to agree that the industry had shown remarkable vigour but the structure had been proved out of date, by an independent report and the Govt hoped by nationalisation to bring the industry into line with modern technical requirements. Against this we had the foreboding line of policy evidently determined upon by the Conservative leaders.

Collectivism

Viscount Cecil of Chelwood made a strong impression when he referred to Mr. Attlee's speech at Woolwich the previous Saturday when the Prime Minister drew a sharp distinction between democratic and authoritarian government and bureaucratic collectivism as practised in other countries. "If this Gas Bill is not an example of bureaucratic collectivism I do not

know what is," thundered Lord Cecil, and other Peers gave indications that they will use another weapon in their armoury to oppose the Bill. For they may take as long as they like in the Committee stage and there is a threat they will use this device in an effort to upset Mr. Morrison's timetable.

Premier Snaps

Sir Boyd Carpenter (Conservative, Kingston on Thames) and another got at this thorny issue but got only a cold answer from Mr. Attlee. This left Mr. McNeil (Labour, Sheffield) unsatisfied and he fired in this supplementary: "Is the Prime Minister aware that a large number of people in the Labour Movement are perturbed by the passing of power from members of this House to the members of the Board of Industries taken over?"

These Boards, he asked, how are they to be run and Government must carry out the instructions of Parliament.

The third clash came on the supply vote for the Minister of Fuel and Power, when Mr. Hudson (Conservative, Southampton) initiated the attack and made the mistake of relying on the assumption that the year's coal supply to foreign Governments would be reached, coupling this with allegations that coal nationalisation had been a failure both administratively and psychologically.

No Chance

Which was seized upon by the Communist, Mr. Gallagher, to ask for a similar ruling in regard to Russia. He got no change from Mr. Speaker who retorted, "I am very careful with what I hear. These things are not always said in the same way."

Which was the me of another Services matter of great importance to everyone in uniform which cropped up in the Commons this week. Mr. Alexander, Defence Minister, announced how the new National Insurance scheme will be applied. "Broadly speaking it comes to this: that men in the Army, Navy and Air Force will pay 2/6 weekly which will receive half the benefits for this except unemployment and sickness benefit."

GERMAN TRADE WITH PAKISTAN

Karachi, July 9. Three German technicians, representing heavy machinery manufacturers in the American zone of Germany, are negotiating with the Pakistan Government for the sale of textile machinery.

It is believed that the Germans are considering the purchase of jute in exchange for the machinery. They also propose to establish textile mills in Pakistan.—Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Go on! Have some more, have some more! For a second helping!"

Kashmir Commission

Karachi, July 9. The United Nations Commission to investigate the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir arrived in Karachi today. After paying their compliments to the Pakistan Government, the five members of the Commission, with their advisers and secretariat, will go on to New Delhi to hear the Indian Government's case. They will return to Karachi to hear Pakistan's case and then study the dispute on the spot in Kashmir.—Reuter.

PRISON HORROR: 5 TO DIE

Yokohama, July 9. The Eighth Army Military Commission today sentenced five Japanese to death for the murder of 65 captured American fliers when a Tokyo military prison was burned down on May 25th, 1945, following a heavy B-29 incendiary raid. The prison warden, Toshio Tashiro, and the chief jailer, Masuo Koshikawa, conspired not to release the Americans from prison in the event of a fire raid or other common disaster. They both knew that cell block No. 4 in which the Americans were imprisoned was flammable but purposely did not release the prisoners, according to the prosecution.

The prosecution charged that 48 of the airmen were burned to death in the cell while the remainder 16 were cut down with swords by prison guards as they attempted to escape from the burning cells. The other three sentenced to death were prison guards Hatsuaki Kambe, Keiji Kamimoto and Matsuhiko Okubo. The Eighth Army court also sentenced Fukujir Takashahi, former civilian foreman at a mine, to four years hard labour for beating American war prisoners.—United Press.

Zaibatsu Moan To Ashida

Tokyo, July 9. It was reliably learned today that a new group of Japanese capitalists will warn the Ashida Government that the over-casual democratisation of Japanese economy would harmfully shut out foreign investments, thereby delaying national rehabilitation.

A spokesman for the Association of Economic Organization told the press that if the authorities want to invite foreign capital, steps must be taken to relax some provisions of the anti-monopoly law approved under the new Japanese constitution.

The Association was recently organised by a group of Japanese millionaires who specifically provide funds to combat the spread of Communism in Japan.

The Association urged exemption of foreign companies, interested in investing in Japan, from rigid provisions of the law demanding a diffusion of industrial knowledge and such secret data. It argued that the application of this provision would tend to delay trade and industry here from benefiting the acquisition of such "business secrets" which are part of a free enterprise.—United Press.

Chinese Given Respite

Manila, July 9. Chinese stallholders, numbering about 30 at the Aranque market here, will be allowed to retain their stalls until Sept. 8 this year. It was officially announced today, following a conference between President Quirino and the Chinese Minister to the Philippines, Mr. Chen Chin-ping. The Chinese envoy, called on the Chief Executive yesterday for clarification of the six-month extension of the Manila Mayor's order granted to the Chinese stallholders of the Aranque market.—Reuter.

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GRAVE MALAYAN SITUATION

"Gangsters Out To Destroy Society" Britain Taking Decisive Action--Creech Jones

London, July 8.

The British Government is faced with a grave situation in Malaya, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said today. "We are acting with decision against the threat to Malaya," he said in opening a House of Commons debate on colonial affairs.

An attempt is being made by murder and violence to destroy order and authority there, to reduce economic life to chaos by the murder of European and Chinese managers and to create some other control of Malaya.

"I would say, particularly in view of the vilification of Britain and the wilful lies in regard to the Malayan situation which have been put across by Moscow, that this is not the emergence of a Nationalist movement which Britain is engaged in putting down."

"This is not a movement of the people of Malaya. This is the conduct of gangsters who are out to destroy the very foundation of human society and orderly life."

"We have no desire to create a Malayan police state. What we are doing is to arm the authorities with the necessary powers to cope with the violence which has become far more than a feature of life in that territory."

"The strong action taken by the Government has increased and fortified public confidence and the Services are co-operating to the full in the work necessary to quash this menace."

"We do not take this challenge lightly. We are determined that this evil in Malaya shall be eradicated and every step possible will be taken to destroy the gangsters and discover their sources of supply."

"The local Government is armed with the fullest powers to cope with any emergency now, and there has been no withholding."

"On The Spot"

Mr. Walter Fletcher, Conservative, interrupted: "Does 'now' mean that they can do it on the spot?"

Mr. Creech Jones: "Certain ordinances have been amended after consultation with the Colonial Office. But already before that consultation, the local Governments enjoyed considerable powers. It was when they were asking for exceptional powers that the consultations became necessary."

Other points made by Mr. Creech Jones were: "It is 'true that one witnesses in Malaya a conflict which is not unlike that going on in China itself. It would appear that the same kind of interests are involved in China."

"We are mobilising in all possible ways to defeat and destroy this menace in Malaya, and I think we are acting with firmness, with decision and with sternness."

Official Efforts

In the past few years, the Government has tried in Malaya to overcome the difficulties which the war had left. It had tried to prevent famine and remove the economic uncertainties, to rehabilitate the common life of the people.

"During the past few years also, we have tried to develop political institutions and a Government based on the consent of the people of Malaya."

"We sought to improve the social conditions of the people, to build up an effective police force and a system of sound trade unionism."

"We have sought to restore conditions of an orderly life by cleaning up arms dumps and putting an end to intimidation and extortion of the population."

"I think it is worth while putting on record that Malaya is after all the only colonial area where no genuinely anti-European movement has emerged since the war."

No Leniency

"Today the free Asiatic peoples are behind the Government in its efforts to restore an orderly life and secure the progressive development of the country."

"In our efforts to secure the conditions of good order in that territory, the courts have not been lenient in the administration of the law and there has been a very considerable number of deportations of people guilty of stirring up trouble and encouraging violence."

In a tribute to the late High Commissioner of Malaya, Mr. Creech Jones said: "The nation has lost a great and distinguished public servant by the tragic death of Sir Edward Gent. No man has contributed more generously and devotedly to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Malaya; to its political resettlement and preparation for progressive economic advance. He possessed not only courage and integrity but high administrative qualities."

Mr. Leonard Commons, Conservative, who has had considerable experience in Far East, said he was not in the least misled by what the Colonial Secretary had said.

Moscow Inspired?

He could not see why the Colonial Secretary did not say that the terrorism was Moscow inspired and Communist in origin.

It was part of a worldwide Russian attack against Britain. Its main object was to disrupt the production of tin and rubber, the main dollar earners of the sterling area.

The Government was "caught completely napping." Could it satisfy the House that the local administration had been really energetic in its search for arms over the past year?

Why were the reserves of the Malaya Regiment called up only yesterday instead of two months ago?

Was it true that planters were told to form groups and defend themselves, but were informed that they must provide arms at their own expense?

Govt. Condemned

Mr. Walter Fletcher, Conservative, who is a rubber merchant, said, the Government stood "firmly and squarely" condemned for the delay. It was a question of "too late and too little."

This was not the moment for study but action. "Today, with a first-class crisis, we are faced with last-minute palliatives instead of well-planned protective measures."

"What we are seeing in Malaya today is not Communism of the type Mr. Winston Churchill described. Communism certainly has a large element in it and will use it for its own purposes."

"We blind ourselves and throw dust in our own eyes when we use the word Communism."

This was no ideological or nationalist movement, but it was dangerous to pretend that a nationalist movement could not arise from it.

Quit Asia Movement

"In Malaya for anyone who can read the signs, this is a Quit Asia movement."

It was a four-pronged attack which came from the Pan-Malayan movement of the Far East India, a Pan-Asiatic movement playing on the Indian community, a dual Chinese movement, and, finally, across the border in the north there was the Communist impulse, coming almost directly from Moscow.

The terrorist was making life in huge areas unbearable. The people wanted to be rid of that first. "When they have seen the benefits of a strong, benevolent and just rule, we might get on with all our plans or introducing democracy."

It was "this fatal feeling of weakness" that affected the police and the people responsible for law and order. A police officer should feel certain that he would receive the unqualified backing of the Government at the spot.

That feeling had not prevailed and was at the spot of the trouble.

Mean Business

The Government would be doing a service to the man in the street in Malaya and make him sit for the next few months or so, that it meant business and was determined to stamp out terrorism.

The constitution was one of the wisest and best worked out. But after the war, it was obvious it should be modified. A Governor-General in Singapore and a High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur was a setup that would risk work and call for modification.

Until law and order was restored, Britain would be losing a considerable amount of dollars through the loss of rubber. The small Chinese owner would not buy the necessary machinery because he was in daily fear of being held to ransom.

The one point of stability in the Far East at present was Malaya. Burma was in a chaotic state. India was not in a state of peace, and Siam was gradually coming under very great Communist influence.

In Indonesia there was no war but no peace. In Indo-China, there were chaotic conditions, and in China a deepening chaos, both economic and racial. The one place to which everyone turned for stability was Malaya, and for the Government did not restore law and order, it would be doing the greatest disservice to the East.

The Colonial Secretary in his statement had shown no sense of magnitude of the crisis.

Malaya Criticism

Winding up for the Opposition, Mr. Oliver Stanley, former Colonial Secretary, said that from what he had learnt, there was "very widespread" criticism in Malaya itself of the delay by the Government in taking the action which they are now taking.

"I hope the Minister will be able to give in assurance that the stern measures now being adopted will be carried through to the end."

The risk to security, to public order, to governmental authority, does not depend, as it did in the past, on a feeling of political grievance or resentment of economic conditions.

This new movement does and can exist independent of their existence. The old idea that movements of this kind could not arise without the sympathy of the population is "quite out of date." These movements can work on the local population just as much by fear as by sympathy.

Challenge To Authority

"This kind of movement cannot be met by concessions because it is not really based on grievances. It is a challenge to authority, to our whole idea of colonial progress. It is a challenge."

Malaya Violence

UNION PRESIDENT KILLED IN JUNGLE

Singapore, July 8.

A jungle patrol shot and killed Tan Kan, President of the Johore Rubber Workers Union, in a gun battle with Malayan terrorists today.

Tan Kan, armed with a rifle, was trying to escape into the jungle with other gunmen after opening fire on troops and police in Sokarai, north Johore.

The patrol returned the fire, killing Tan Kan and another of his gang, after a British officer had been slightly wounded in the shoulder.

Police and British troops, preparing to hunt bandits from remote jungle and swamp hideouts, were being reinforced by Malay Regiment reinforcements, who were ordered back to the colours three weeks ago.

A Chinese Kuomintang (Government Party) supporter was murdered last night in Nyor, central Johore. Four bandits, armed with Sten guns and pistols, shot him in cold blood, as he pleaded for mercy.

In the last 10 days, 27 persons, mostly Chinese, have been murdered by the terrorists. Nine bandits have been killed and many more arrested in the same period.—Reuter.



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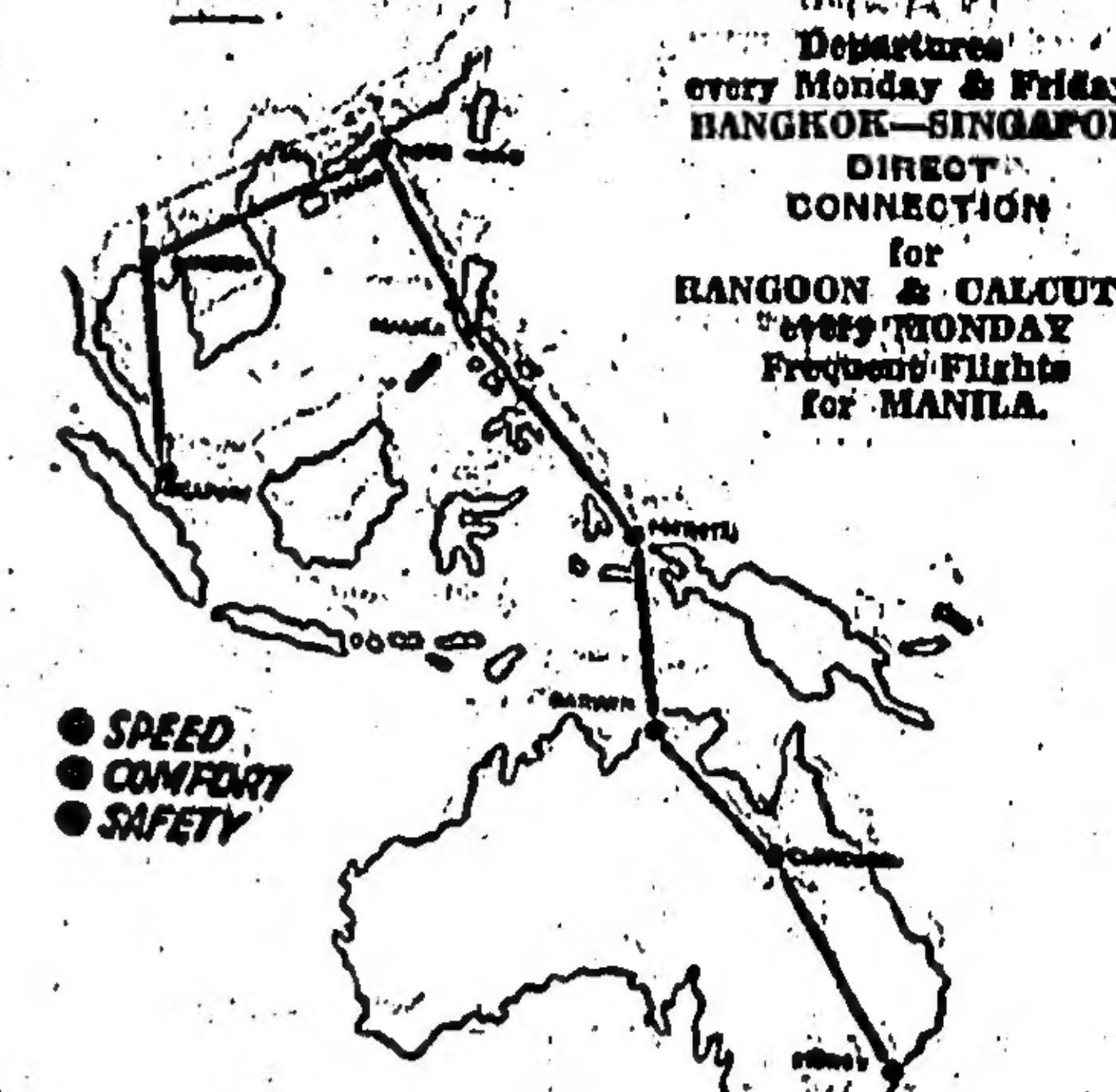
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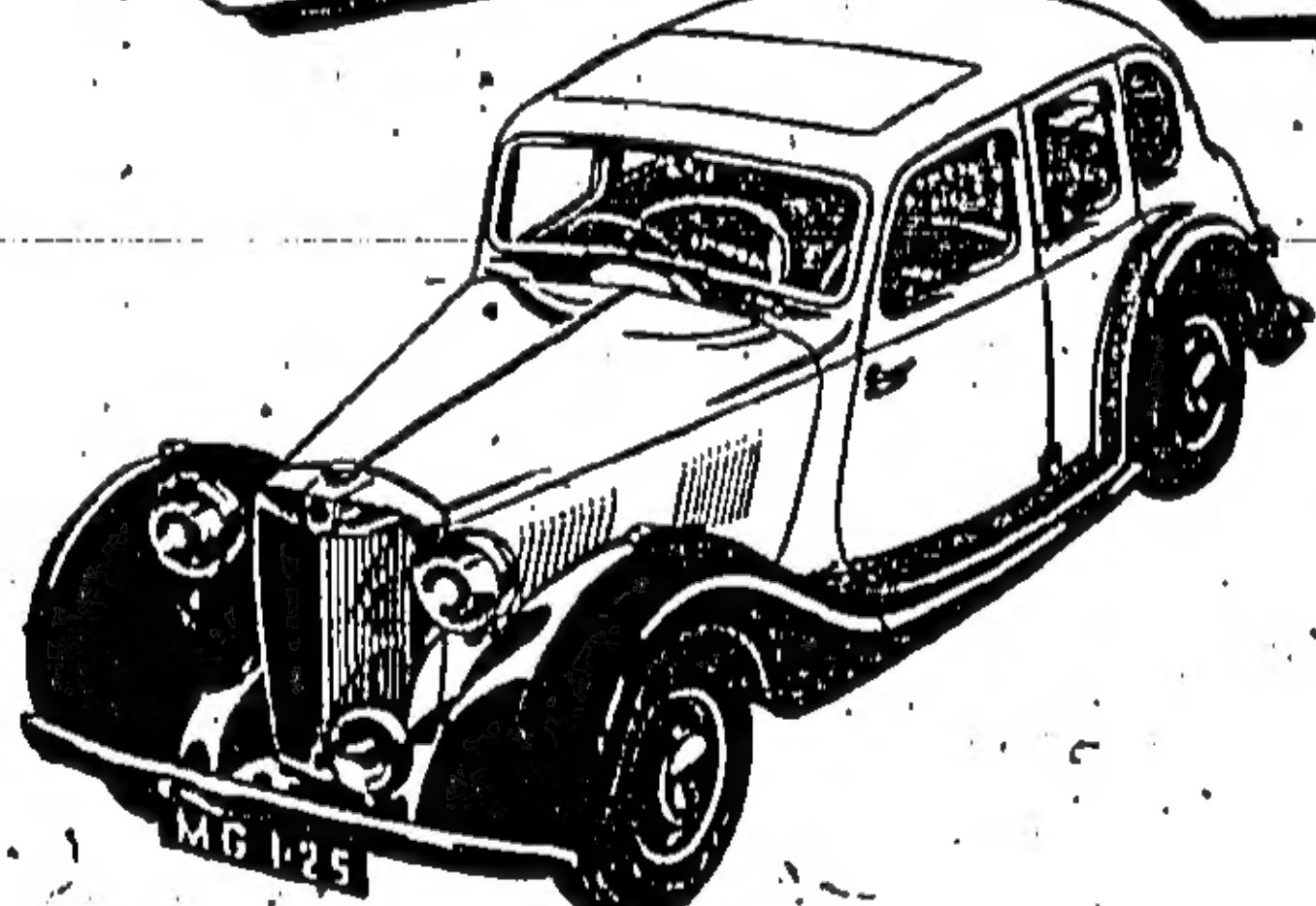
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

THE AUSTIN "A40" SALOON

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When the A40 model Austin was announced last autumn, it was quite obvious from a study of its specification that Austin engineers had set out to produce a car which was not only truly post-war in its conception, but one which would moreover, set new performance standards for models in its price and size class. Experience of the new model in the course of over 600 miles of varied running shows that this aim has undoubtedly been achieved.

Perhaps it could be as well at this point to remark that, in the bad old days, when R.A.C. rated horse-power governed taxation, the A40 would probably have been known loosely as a "Ten," since its rating under the old formula works out at 10.6 h.p. This fact has no particular significance under the present flat-rate taxation system, but it is mentioned because old ideas die hard and many people still think in terms of the old rated horse-power rather than actual brake horse-power (from which the "40" in "A40" is derived) or engine capacity. It is, therefore, as a "Ten" that the A40 may be broadly considered for comparative purposes.

New Standard

On that basis, its performance may be regarded as setting a post-war standard for competitively priced cars in this class, since its maximum speed is much nearer 70 m.p.h. than 60 (the now almost traditional figure for a family Ten), whilst its acceleration and general top-gear behaviour represents a correspondingly welcome improvement.

When it is added that these advances are combined with first-class suspension after the modern conception, equally good steering, brakes that could hardly be bettered, a petrol consumption that has not in any way been sacrificed to added power output, and bodywork that follows the modern trend of line without losing in convenience or accommodation, it will be realized that the A40 is an outstanding addition to the range of true post-war cars.

The 1,200 c.c. four-cylinder a.h.v. engine, as most readers will be aware, is modelled broadly on the very successful larger unit which was introduced for military purposes during the war period and afterward; made its appearance in the Austin Sixteen. It is an exceptionally willing unit and one, moreover, which combines good low-speed pulling powers with an ability in rev. which will delight the enthusiastic driver without intruding itself on the more sober dispositions of those who think that the mechanical features of a car should never intrude.

To be more explicit, it will pull smoothly down to 10 m.p.h. in top gear, and accelerate away from that speed to 30 m.p.h. in the very creditable time of 11.7 secs. At the other end of the performance scale it will provide a true maximum speed of 67 m.p.h. which represents just on 5,000 r.p.m., a figure which it will readily exceed, given conditions that are only slightly in its favour. In the upper speed ranges it emits a contented little hum.

Easy To Hurry

The driver in a hurry will find that the A40 reaches 60 m.p.h. readily and holds it well; this speed is, of course, slightly above the desirable ideal in terms of

maximum piston speed for sustained running (38 m.p.h. with this Austin), but the car shows no signs of overwork when kept at that pace indefinitely. A genuine 60 m.p.h. is a delightful cruising speed, with a useful margin always in hand for overtaking or climbing gentle main-road gradients; and here it may be mentioned, in passing, that the speedometer of the car tested was amongst the most accurate we have tried; below 30 m.p.h. it erred slightly on the modest side.

In third gear, the car is not, perhaps, quite so fast as its top-gear performance might suggest, but the 48 m.p.h. available in this ratio is in every way adequate, in view of the excellent top-gear behaviour; indeed, we found that third gear came in for far less use on the A40 than on most cars of this type.

The acceleration figures obtained through the gears from a standstill tell their own very creditable tale—the rest to 60 m.p.h. time of 34.6 secs., being particularly notable—and imply a gearbox which does not mind being hurried on occasion. The only criticisms of that component were a slight buzz from the central lever at high engine revs, and an occasional reluctance on the part of first and second gears to engage at first depression of the clutch when the car was at rest. In other respects, the transmission

was above reproach, clutch, gear, and final drive all doing their jobs in a completely unobtrusive way. It was remarked earlier that petrol consumption had not been sacrificed to performance, a fact which is clearly shown by the constant-speed readings, which gave m.p.g. figures ranging from 42 m.p.g. at 20 m.p.h. to 26.5 m.p.g. at 60 m.p.h.

So far as figures for normal running were concerned, we found it a little difficult to obtain a representative figure, for the reason that the car seemed so

willing at high speeds that we fell to the temptation to cruise consistently at a steady 60 m.p.h. whenever conditions allowed. Even treated in this way, the A40 reeled off between 28 and 30 miles for each gallon. By a supreme effort, we managed to restrain ourselves to more gentle tactics whilst a gallon flowed through the carburettor, and that gallon sufficed for 32 miles. This temptation to drive fast was not, of course, purely the result of a willing engine. Fast driving, without the other qualities that go to make it safe and pleasant, is not attractive, in the case of the Austin, those other qualities were all there to a commensurate degree.

No Pitch or Roll

The suspension system (independent at the front by means of helical springs and wishbones) is unusual, in that it at first gives the impression that it is insufficiently damped; but the car does not pitch or roll, but one is conscious during the initial half-mile that the car floats in a way which would seem more natural on a much larger vehicle, and one cannot help wondering if this motion will become exaggerated at high speed, and make the car difficult to handle. In fact, just the reverse happens and one finds the car holding the road perfectly but with not a trace of harshness.

The same characteristics are noticeable in cornering. The car does not remain rigidly upright in the old sports-car fashion; neither does it perceptibly roll. It just goes unobtrusively where it is placed, with no obvious under- or over-steering tendencies. It is one a little over-subtle at high speeds, a slight roll becomes noticeable and the tyres protest; otherwise nothing much seems to happen. At low speeds, one can slide the tail by violent treatment, but the car responds to corrective methods in a most reassuring manner.

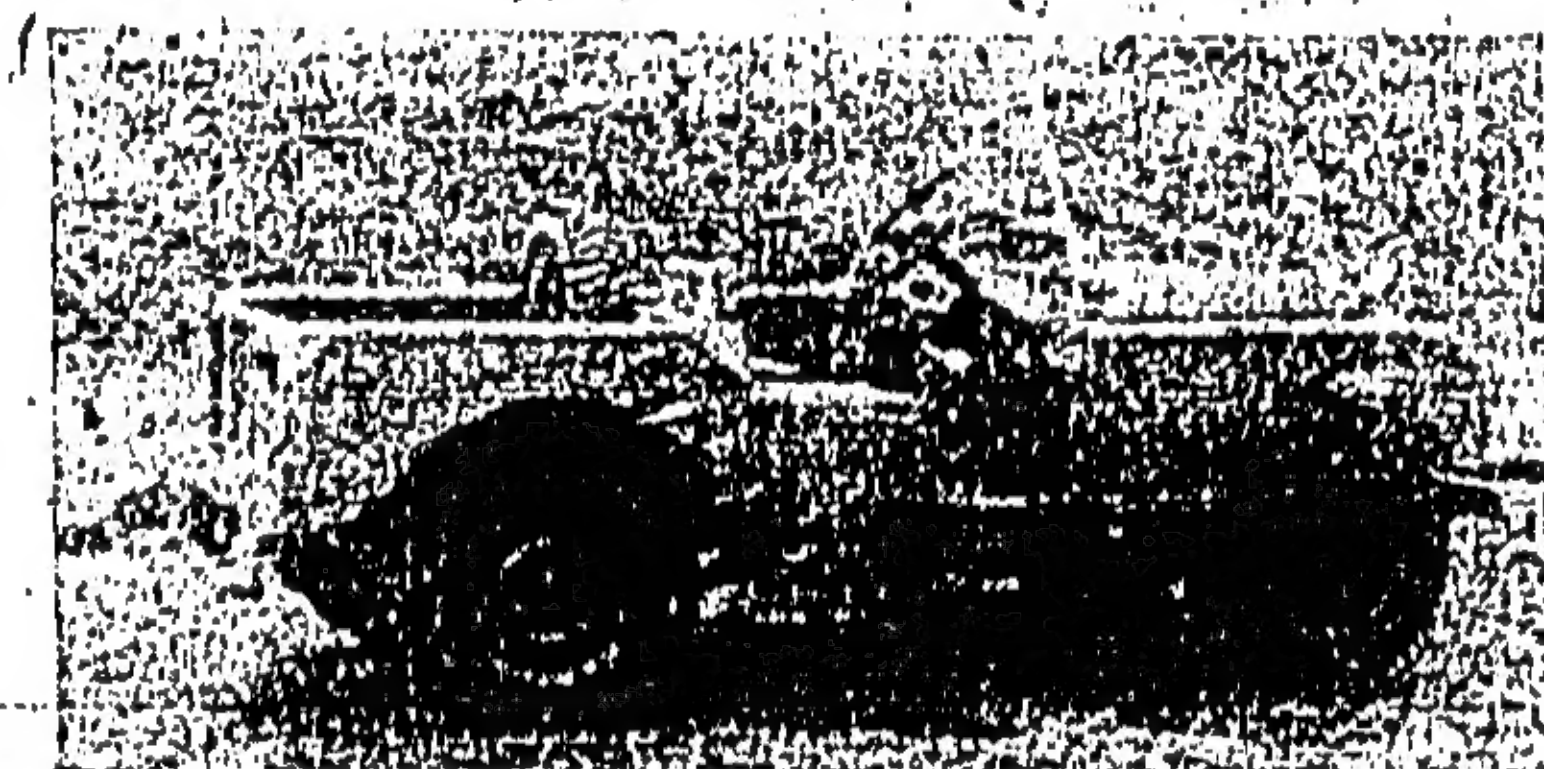
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New Sunbeam Talbot

A British car designed specially to meet the overseas demand for an up-to-date, economical sports type was announced on July 1. It is a new Sunbeam Talbot in two models—the "Eighty" (of 1,185 c.c.), and the "Ninety" (of 1,944 c.c.), both of which are available as a saloon, or coupe. Research and experimental work on the new model are stated to have cost over £250,000.

Though only just announced, the new car is already in production and is coming off the assembly lines of the 80-acre Rootes Group plant at Ryton on Tyne—more in an increasing volume. The first export models were shipped last month to Canada and similar left hand drive saloons were despatched to the United States.

This Sunbeam Talbot is post-war from its front bumper to its new twin tail lights. The engine, chassis, body and equipment are all of a new pattern and the smallest details—such as the question of effective—has been the subject of experiment. The car is claimed to be the latest and most notable example of British streamlining while preserving all the characteristics of the British pedigree model. The car is also stated to set a new high standard in comfort.

DAIMLER ORDER

The Daimler Company of Coventry announce an order from the Government of New Zealand for six Daimler "Straight 8s" to be used during the Royal Journeys in New Zealand next year. Six 84-litre saloons will be sent in addition for the use of Royal tour officials. Daimler are also supplying a fleet of "Straight 8s" and two and a half litres for the Royal tour in Australia.

BRITAIN GETS EGYPTIAN ORDER

London, July 3. In the face of fierce competition from America, Germany, Italy and Scandinavia, a British motor manufacturer has secured an order for a fleet of left hand drive single-decked bus chassis from Egypt.

The order comprises 30 bus chassis fitted with 215-horsepower diesel engines and quick change-inertia lock synchromesh gearboxes. In addition nearly 415,000 of spare parts will be supplied with the vehicles. Shipment of some of the vehicles is already under way.

BRITAIN'S MAY MOTOR EXPORTS

London, July 8. More than 20,000 cars valued at £2,340,000 were exported during May, announced the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders on Tuesday. This was 3,000 fewer than in April. Belgium was the best customer, buying 1,707. The U.S.A. was second, buying 1,028—100 more than in April.

NEW RECORD MOTOR OUTPUT

London, July 3. A new British output record of 13,763 cars, trucks and tractors was set up in June by the Ford Motor Company, Dagenham (Essex). Output consisted of 9,499 cars, 3,264 trucks and 1,000 tractors. Of the total of 13,763 units produced, no less than 78 per cent. were for overseas markets.

Motor Industry's Unused Capacity

A broadsheet on the motor industry published last Saturday by Political and Economic Planning points out that the output of cars in 1947 made use of little more than half the available capacity of the industry, which is estimated at between 500,000 and 600,000 cars a year.

It was owing to the lack of materials. The steel shortage in particular has produced frustration and uncertainty by making forward plans impossible. Nevertheless, the British motor industry made a bigger increase in production last year than any other in the world, proportionately increases being given as Britain 72 per cent., the United States 66 per cent., France 45 per cent., and Italy 44 per cent.

The P.E.P. believes that the world shortage of vehicles is sufficiently acute to give ample scope to both Britain and the United States for exports for some time to come, if the shortage of foreign exchange could be left out of account. Even if the percentage of output released for Home consumption is increased, it is considered likely that Britain is in a position to consume more than half the vehicles also produced for at least five years and possibly for a full decade.

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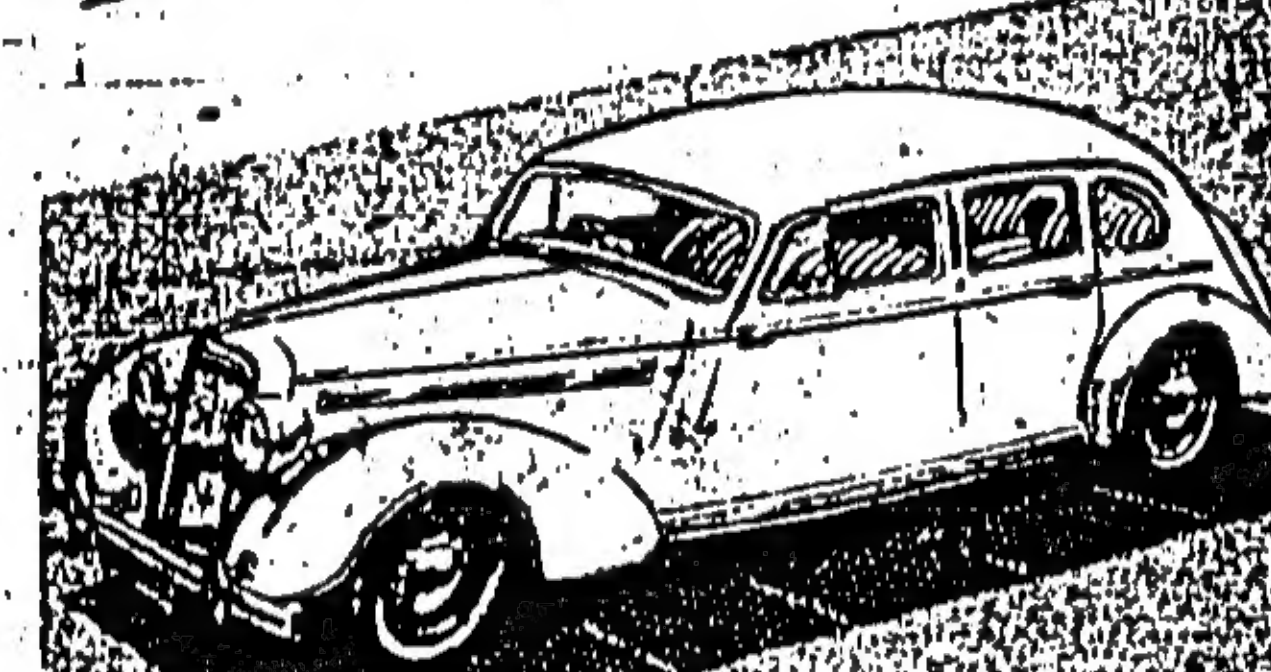
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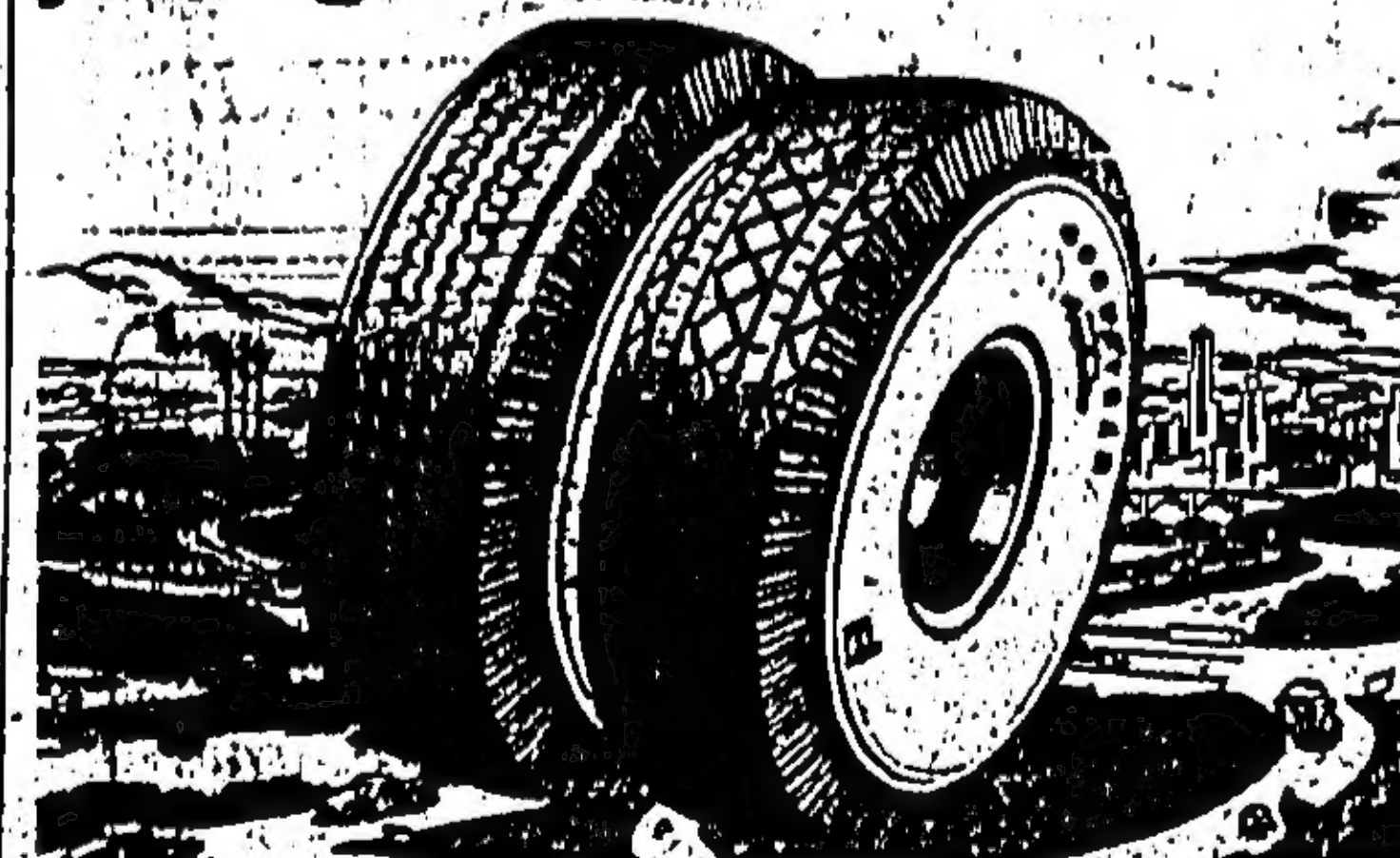
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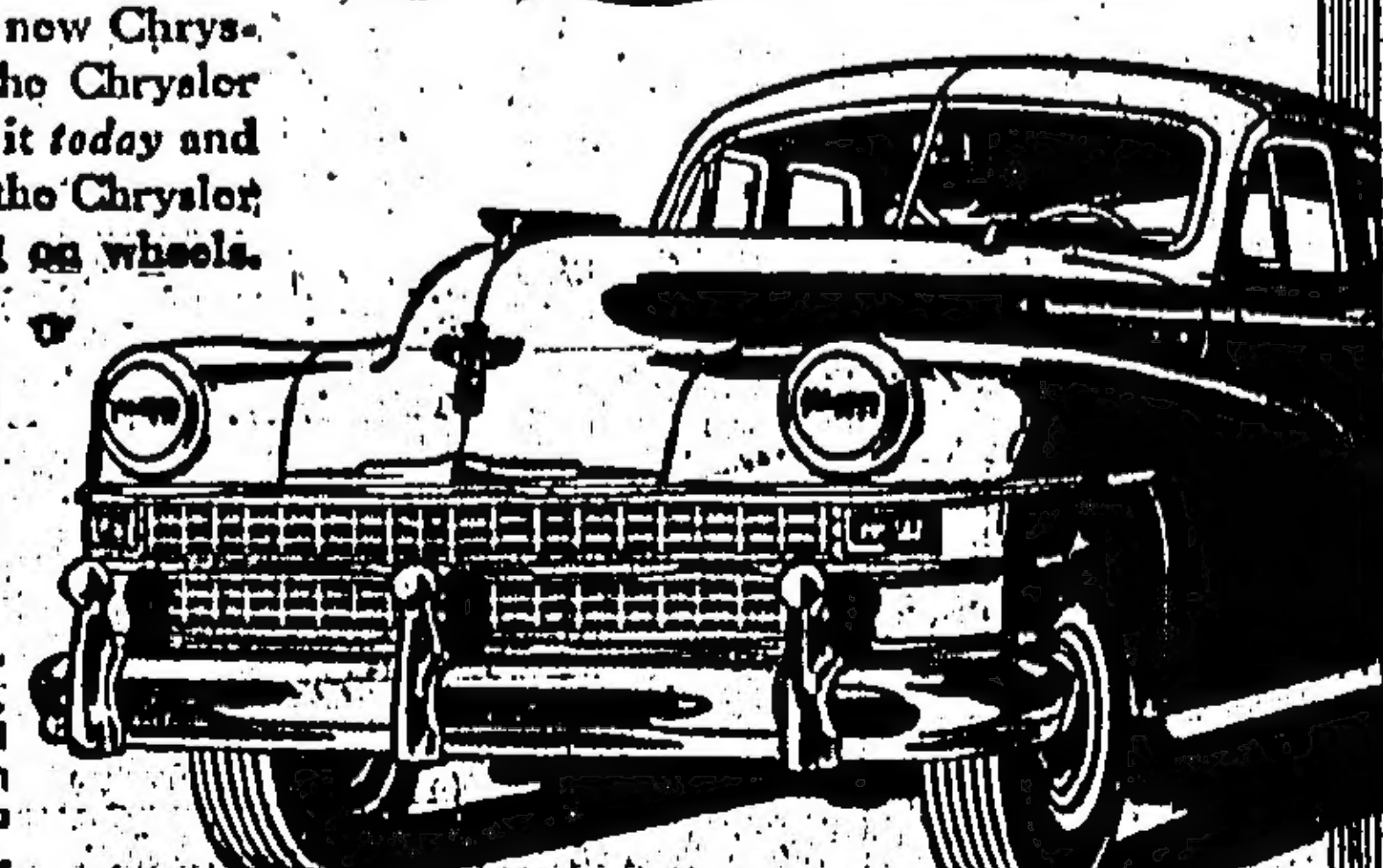
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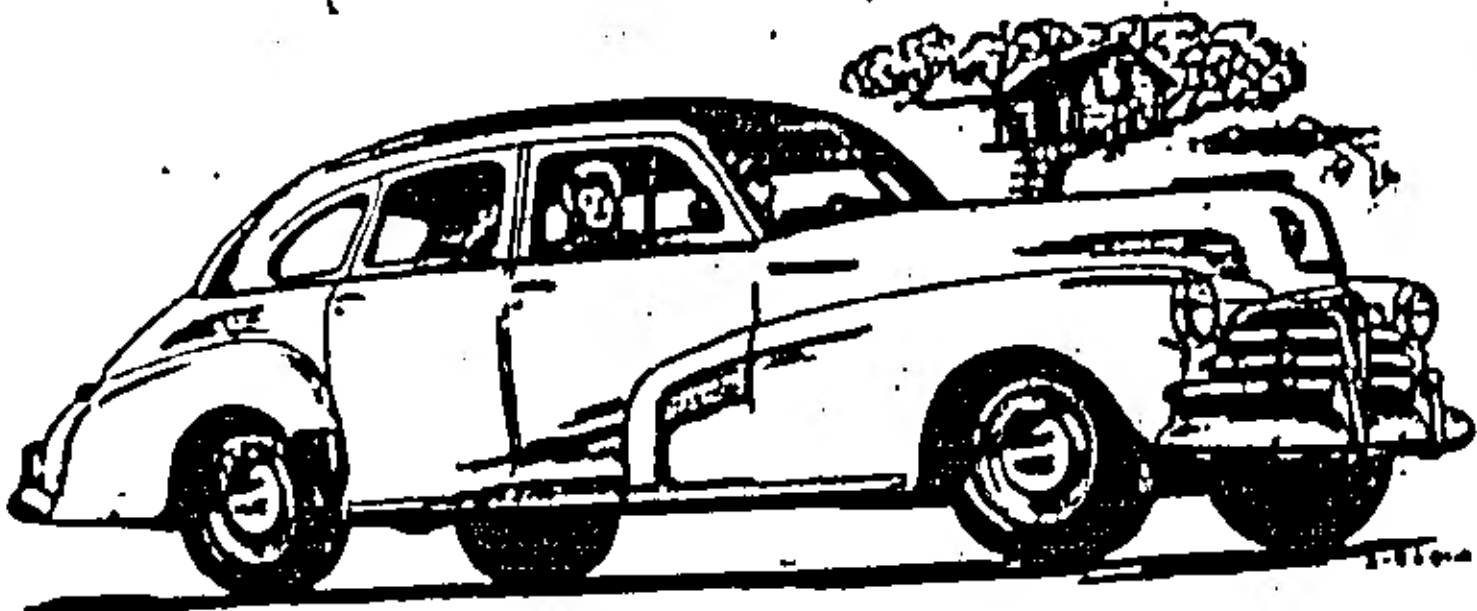


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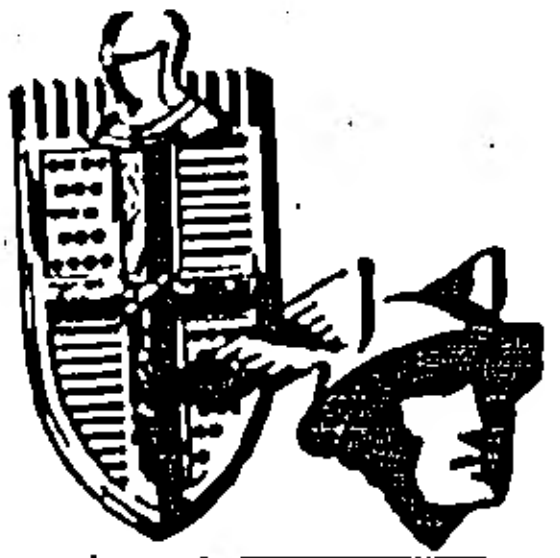
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WAR IN PALESTINE

MENACING PICTURE OF SITUATION

July 9.

War will blaze through Palestine today. As the four-week Arab-Jewish truce ended fruitlessly this morning, that was the belief of every expert on the troubled Middle East situation.

Tired and disappointed after the failure of his last-minute peace proposals, the United Nations mediator Count Folke Bernadotte remarked: "Both sides will lose. War never pays."

Cable reports reaching Hong Kong from various centres built up a menacing picture.

Cairo.—Count Bernadotte disclosed that the Jews have agreed to a 30-day extension of the truce, willing to allow a three-day prolongation to facilitate the withdrawal of United Nations officials, observers and guards, but the Arabs apparently rejected this offer.

The Count's statement, issued from the United Nations truce headquarters in Haifa, declared the entire mission would be withdrawn.

"I am disappointed that hostilities are to be resumed in Palestine," the Count said. "Since it appears quite impossible to obtain the agreement of the two parties not to resume hostilities, I will now concentrate on obtaining a cease-fire in Jerusalem and its ultimate demilitarisation."

The Jews had indicated their willingness to discuss a demilitarisation of Jerusalem and the mediator had requested a clarification of the Arab reply, which was not precise on this point.

Single Arab State

Rhodes.—The U.N. mediator said that the Jews had rejected his peace proposals based on the Arab counter-proposal of a single Arab state with a Jewish minority.

He also revealed that the Jews were willing to accept a 30-day prolongation of the truce, but the Arabs refused.

Count Bernadotte said the Jews objected to his peace suggestions on four major points:

1. The Jews thought the mediator should stick to the United

Nations partition plan. To this, Count Bernadotte said, he answered that he had power to make any peaceful adjustments which were necessary.

2. The Jews objected to immigration restrictions and said that immigration should be unlimited. Count Bernadotte said he had suggested that after two years of unrestricted immigration the subject could be raised again.

3. The Jews objected to the suggestion that there be a union of Palestine and Transjordan, and claimed full autonomy.

4. The Jews objected to Count Bernadotte's decision that Jerusalem should be under Arab control.

"I gave them a written reply to their reactions which will be made public," he said. "Both the Arabs and the Jews found that my suggestions do not form a basis for discussion," said the mediator.

Extension Of Truce

Cairo.—Abdel Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the seven-nation Arab League, announced that the U.N. mediator has been told officially the Arabs have "no intention" of extending the truce.

A dispatch from Jerusalem told of persistent reports among officers of Transjordan Arab Legion that the Jews had heavily increased their armaments in the Holy City. At the beginning of the truce the Arabs held the old walled city of Jerusalem and the Jews held most of the modern city, although it was cut off from Tel-Aviv by Arab forces.

The Legion sources said the Jews now had modern medium

and heavy bombers, principally from U.S. war surplus, and attacks against Damascus, Syria, and Amman, Transjordan, could be expected.

Arab Artillery Moves

Jerusalem.—Arab Legion artillery and armour moved up in Jerusalem from a Jordan River base as the Arab armies in and around the Holy Land received orders to resume fighting against the Jews.

The Arab Legion Commander Colonel Abdullah Bey Teli, said he was without orders or a campaign plan from the High Command in Amman, but he expected these soon.

He said the Jews had already blocked the Jerusalem borderland road used during the truce by the United Nations' observers.

U.N. Observers Leave

Haifa.—The United Nations spokesman, Mr. George Barnes, told reporters that UN observers here would go to Beirut to wind up their affairs.

Mr. Barnes said the UN may remain temporarily in Jerusalem pending further developments on demilitarisation of the Holy City, but all the rest would leave.

Mr. Thor Bonde, assistant to Count Bernadotte, said no organisation not backed by force could maintain a truce in Palestine. He declared the UN group's task was finished here because agreement between the Jews and Arabs had not been reached.

Mr. Bonde praised the work of the UN observers and pointed out that there had been no large-scale outbreaks during the truce.

Tel-Aviv.—Unconfirmed reports said that the Arab League had agreed to the demilitarisation of the old walled city of Jerusalem, but not modern Jerusalem, which is in Jewish hands.

About 40,000 Arabs are now living in the old city.

Britain's Embargo

London.—Whitehall sources said there is every indication that Britain will maintain her embargo on shipments of all war goods to the Middle East.

The embargo was applied on June 3.

A Foreign Office spokesman declined to state officially that the embargo would be maintained, or to confirm reports at Lake Success that Britain has told the Arabs that they can count on no further British support if they resume fighting.

Britain's attitude, both on the arms ban and on the continued detention of the Cyprus Jews, will be influenced, it was considered in diplomatic quarters here, by the Security Council's attitude to the fresh outbreak of the fighting.

The Security Council may now find itself faced with the necessity, already discussed before the truce plan was adopted, of taking such action in Palestine under the Charter of the United Nations as would ultimately lead to the imposition of economic and, possibly, military sanctions against the belligerents.—Reuter, United Press and Associated Press.

CONCEALING THOUGHTS IS TOMMYROT

Whitley Bay, July 9.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin pledged today that Britain will use the American gifts under the Marshall plan wisely.

"Britain is not going to have a night's debauch" with the funds, he told the Annual Conference of the National Union of Mine Workers.

"If we take the Marshall plan today, we take it in the spirit that we are determined to hand over to our children a free, independent and up to date nation."

The outspoken Mr. Bevin told the mine unionists that the belief that diplomacy must be carried on over the heads of the people is "all moonshine."

"Foreign affairs is common-

sense people hoping to talk with other common sense people," he said.

"All this business of concealing your thoughts is just Tommyrot."

Mr. Bevin recalled that former Prime Minister Churchill said "the bad management of the Labour Government" is the cause of Britain's need, for aid.—The Foreign Secretary said "this is nonsense."—Associated Press.

Clash At Lunghwa

Shanghai, July 9.
A Chinese gendarme officer was critically injured and two police inspectors hurt in a clash with 700 wounded soldiers at the Lunghwa Temple, in the southern suburb of Shanghai, yesterday, according to Chinese reports.

The clash occurred when police and gendarmes went to the rescue of a bus conductor who had been abducted by the soldiers, the reports added.—Reuter.

CUTTING DOWN ON DOLLARS

London, July 8.

Prime Minister Joseph Chifley of Australia told a press conference here tonight that his country expected to make very substantial reductions in dollar expenditures.

"We in Australia have been striving to cut down our dollar expenditures to essential needs," he added. "We have achieved some measure of success but it is not immediately reflected."

"Our purpose has been not to draw any more dollars from the Empire Pool than we feel necessary in the interests of economy."

On mass migration of Britons to Australia, Mr. Chifley said: "I think there are very great physical difficulties at this stage and the matter will take a great deal of study."

The original immigration scheme for 70,000 British migrants or more a year was being accelerated and would show improvement this year. If the necessary shipping was obtained, this total might be reached.

Mr. Chifley said there had been discussions on the transfer of both American and British industries to Australia. It was a matter of American and British arms either establishing branches there or expanding already existing ones.—Reuter.

DEATH PENALTY REVISION BILL

London, July 8.

The Government's compromise proposal on hanging will suspend the death penalty for five years except where a murder is committed "with express malice" or in conjunction with specified offences, such as rape, violent robbery or resisting arrest.

The death penalty would also apply where a murdering person is a police officer or some one assisting him in his duty, and to poisoners, murderers committed by explosives, and second murders.

The proposal is embodied in a clause of the amended Criminal Justice Bill, which comes before Parliament in the next fortnight. It follows the defeat in the House of Lords of the House of Commons' vote against the Government's advice to abolish hangings.

Parliament is expected to approve the revised Bill before the summer recess.

The new clause defines "express malice" as an act "done with intent to kill or maim."

It is reliably stated that it had been agreed over the past three years, more than half the 51 persons executed in that time would instead have been hanged for life—the alternative sentence.

When the Bill is next debated, the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, said, it would be dealing with other amendments made by the House of Lords, including one that flogging should be retained as a punishment.—Reuter.

20 KILLED IN AIR CRASH

Paris, July 8.

The bodies of 20 people, including a baby, killed when a Dakota flying from Saigon to Dnait, Indo-China, crashed into a 5,000-foot mountain near Dnait, have been found in the wreckage by a rescue party.

The delegates to the meeting would attempt to define the nature and scope of trade relations between Japan and the sterling area, including the types and quantities of materials which would form a basis of trade.

Today's meeting appointed several working committees to conduct detailed discussions of various aspects of that trade, with a view to an estimate by both groups of the materials available and required by their respective areas.—Reuter.

DUTCH POLICY TO BECOME FIRMER?

The Hague, July 8.

Well-informed quarters in The Hague thought today that the new Dutch Government will take a firmer attitude towards Republican Indonesia, although the results of yesterday's general election show little change in the strength of the major political parties.

RUSSIAN FAR EAST EMPIRE

Boston, July 8.

Russia is mobilising a vast industrial empire behind the iron curtain that screens Eastern Siberia, Gordon Walker, Chief Far Eastern Correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, reported in a Tokyo message today.

Gigantic shipyards have been erected on Amur river banks, and on what were once windswept steppes are now oil refineries, steel rolling mills, blast furnaces and factories, he said.

Irkutsk, on the southwestern tip of Lake Baikal, is reported to be the administrative and possibly the military headquarters for all Siberia.

"Its 300,000 inhabitants work in aircraft and tank factories, farm-tool and mining machinery plants, and factories turning out motor cars, lorries and trams."

"Komsomolok, north of Vladivostok, has a shipyard capable of building 10,000-ton vessels. It is the biggest in the Orient and cost six times as much as the Soviet's other large shipyard in the Ukraine."—Reuter.

COMING TO HK TO SCHOOL

Bangkok, July 8.

About 400 Chinese children left Bangkok for China to attend schools in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Canton and other centres, the Chinese Consulate-General stated today.

It was officially announced today that 100 Chinese primary schools in Bangkok had been reopened by permission of the Ministry of Education.

The Siam Government closed a number of Chinese schools recently for alleged violation of the Government's regulations.—Reuter.

TRIUMPH FOR SMUTS

Capetown, July 8.

Field Marshal Jan Smuts, recently defeated in the South African General Election, today drove in triumph through a crowd of the streets and jammed balconies, as he returned from his overseas trip.

After the Field Marshal disappeared into his club, the crowd sang "For he's a jolly good fellow" until he came out again.—United Press.

SECRET TALKS IN TOKYO

Tokyo, July 8.

The Sterling Area conference between representatives of General MacArthur's Headquarters and the United Kingdom, the colonies, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, began in Tokyo today in an air of complete secrecy.

All the British Commonwealth representatives said they had been asked and have agreed not to communicate with the press throughout the conference, which may last almost one month.

Some unofficial sources say the conference aims to build up a reciprocal sterling area trade with Japan to the value of £30,000,000. Official sources, however, would neither confirm or deny this and other reports.

A spokesman appointed by General MacArthur's Headquarters said statements would be made from time to time when considered advisable.

Today's statement listed the names of the delegates and said the meetings would attempt to define the nature and scope of trade relations between Japan and the sterling area, including the types and quantities of materials which would form a basis of trade.

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Communist Appeal To Students

Shanghai, July 8.

Police today began a widespread hunt for the owner of a student letter received from the Communist area, which was found posted on the student bulletin board in the National Chiao Tung University.

Written in highly inciting language, the letter was signed by five former Chiao Tung students and urged the students to go over to the "liberated territory" where, the letter asserted, "we can shoot freely, sing freely, and with firm conviction, pray freely for final victory of the People's Liberation Army in its counter-attack."

The letter added, "We need a large number of scientists, industrial, medical and agricultural technicians to take over factories and hospitals left behind by compradors and capitalists in the big cities."—Reuter.

Scientists To Explore Antarctic

Oslo, July 8.

The Norwegian Foreign Office will shortly send an official invitation to the British Government to take part in a joint Anglo-Swedish Norwegian scientific expedition to the Antarctic it was learned here today.

The expedition which is expected to begin its work in 1950 will investigate climate changes in the area.

Professor Sverdrup of the Norwegian Polar Institute stated that the expedition will land on Queen Maud's Land, according to present plans. The transport of personnel and equipment is being arranged in co-operation with the Norwegian whaling fleet.

The Norwegian Air Force is experimenting to find the type of plane most suitable for work with the expedition, he added.—Reuter.

NO URANIUM

Brussels, July 8.

M. Paul Henri Spak, the Belgian Premier, today told a special Commission of the Chamber of Deputies that uranium would not be among the materials Belgium will send to the United States under the Marshall Plan Agreement.—Reuter.

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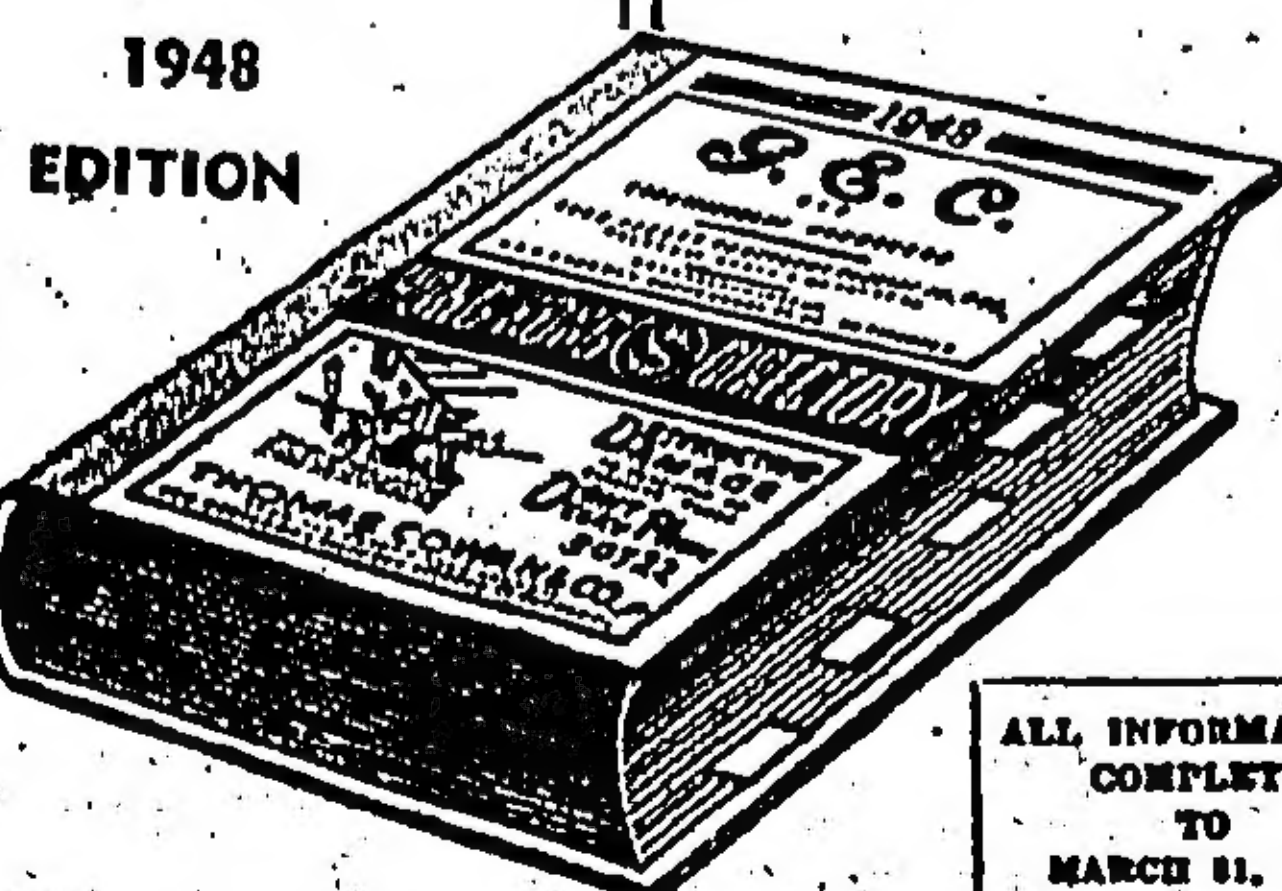
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NEW BERLIN CRISIS: DRASTIC LIGHT CUTS COAL SACRIFICED FOR FOOD

Berlin, July 8.

Berlin's two million Western sector residents were warned today of more heavy electricity and public transport cuts despite the gigantic Allied food and coal air lift to break the Soviet blockade, which today entered its third week. The three Western Military Commandants announced early today the complete closing of the "S Bahn" (Berlin's elevated railway) from midnight tomorrow, and the halting of trams and underground trains from 6.00 p.m. daily.

Electricity for industrial users will be cut again and street lighting reduced by 75 per cent. Occupation, Municipal and medical authorities must use less electricity and domestic consumers will get their power allocations at different hours.

Colonel Frank Howley, the American Commandant, said the present food rations would be maintained. "It is recognized that despite the greatest air lift in peacetime history, with the limited airfields available, the air lift cannot at present meet all the requirements of the people of Berlin," he said.

The three Military Governors had decided to maintain the food rations and sacrifice coal, making the new electricity cuts inevitable, he said.

By far the greatest saving would come from halting the S-Bahn which, in the last few days, had been using about 30 per cent of the entire electricity consumption of the Western sectors.

The S-Bahn has its headquarters in the Soviet sector and is nominally under Soviet control.

Soviet Decision

After the Western Allies had announced that they would cut electricity supply to the S-Bahn, the Soviet authorities said they would keep the railway running in all four sectors of the city by making 50 per cent more current available.

Three hours of zero ceilings and torrential rains early today hampered the British and American air fleets on their runs into Berlin, but in the 24 hours ending at noon, 364 aircraft had touched down. Yesterday's total was 390.

The political front was quiet today. The Western Allies are still awaiting Moscow's answer to their protests on Tuesday about the blockade crisis.

In Cologne, in the British Zone, Dr. Ardenauer, the first Chairman of the important Christian Democratic Union, said the six-power London proposals for an occupation statute were unacceptable to his party, the German news agency, DPD, reported.

The Premiers of the 11 Western Zone States, meeting in Cologne today, were expected to frame counter proposals to the Western plans for a provisional German Government.

Workers Idled

Half the industrial workers in the Western sectors of Berlin will probably be thrown out of work by the sweeping electricity cuts announced today, General E. O. Herbert, the British Commandant, stated tonight.

General Herbert stated that both employers and employees were cooperating wholeheartedly in the electricity cuts, although this meant an industrial standstill and mass unemployment.

"The Germans in the Western

sectors are facing up to the Russian blockade amazingly," he said.

Gas rationing would soon be introduced to supplement the electricity rationing, General Herbert announced. New economic measures for the British community in Berlin include the rationing of the use of electricity for the occupation forces to a three-hour period in the early morning and a five-hour period in the evening.—Reuter.

Export By Plane

Berlin's trade with the Western Zones is to be kept running at a trickle by the export of finished goods on the westbound aircraft according to an official British statement today.

Only goods from current production are to be carried and there will be no authorization for export of capital equipment.

To date, approval has to be given by the British and American authorities for the export from Berlin of 308 tons of goods by air.—United Press.

AMERICA HAS 600 ATOMIC BOMBS

Washington, July 8.

High military officials were reliably reported here today to be pressing President Truman to decide soon on the disposition of America's stockpile of atomic bombs in view of the present world situation.

The stockpile, estimated unofficially at not less than 600 bombs, is now in the hands of the Atomic Energy Commission. Under the Atomic Energy Act, passed by Congress two years ago, it was left to the President to decide whether to leave these weapons with the Commission or hand them over to the military.

Military officials, it was understood, agreed that a decision during the present Berlin crisis might be unwise because it could be misinterpreted abroad as a potentially warlike act.

They also believed, however, that the present position put the United States armed forces at a disadvantage in the event of a sudden attack and should be changed once the immediate crisis is past.

The military authorities have argued that, while the United States would not start a war, her best hope of winning such a new conflict would be in replying with atom bombs at the earliest possible moment.

Emergency Need

They claimed that the present disposition of the stockpile made such a rapid reply out of the question. "Government may want at least part of it handed over to them to be ready for any emergency."

This, in the words of today's Washington Post, would "avoid the possibility of an atomic Pearl Harbor." There was no information whether President Truman was prepared to take an early decision.—Reuter.

EGYPTIAN PROTEST

London, July 9.

Egypt has protested to Britain against the decree issued last month by the Governor-General of the Sudan, inaugurating constitutional reform there, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The decree initiated measures aimed at the creation of an Executive Council and an elected National Assembly by the end of this year. When it was issued, the Egyptian Government announced it would protest on the ground that the action was contrary to the agreement under which the Anglo-Egyptian condominium in the Sudan was set up. The draft constitutional reform had been under protracted discussion between Britain and Egypt, but when almost near agreement with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, it was repudiated by the Egyptian Government.—Reuter.

Reparations Threat

London, July 8.

Russia's share of the new reparations allocations from the three Western Zones of Germany, announced from Brussels today, will be withheld until she raises the ban on traffic from Western Germany to Berlin. It was authoritatively stated in London tonight.—Reuter.

BUCKETS OF TEARS

Peiping, July 9.

Seven representatives of Manchurian refugee students in Peiping called on General Fu Tso-yi and discussed Monday's shooting which they claimed had so far caused the death of 14 students.

A spokesman for General Fu's headquarters afterwards told newsmen that "General Fu was so moved that he wept. The students seeing him weep, also wept."

The spokesman said that efforts towards a peaceful settlement of Monday's incident are making smooth progress.

There have been no further disorders since Monday, but the authorities are still guarding all entrances to the former Legation Quarter where troops and police opened fire on demonstrating students.

The curfew from 2300 to 0000 is still being enforced.—Associated Press.

Britain Leaves Wheat Pact

London, July 8.

Mr. John Strachey, Minister of Food, stated today that the United Kingdom has withdrawn from the new international wheat agreement because it will not be ratified by the United States, which is responsible for nearly half of the exports.

Mr. Strachey said that the withdrawal was announced by the United Kingdom delegate at the first meeting of the International Wheat Council in Washington on Tuesday.

He explained that the British Government "is of the opinion that the guarantees of the exporting countries whose Governments have ratified the International Wheat Agreement are insufficient to ensure its successful operation."

Thirty-six countries signed the agreement in March, but by July 1 only 12 including Britain, Australia, Canada, Eire, India, and New Zealand had ratified.

Since the American Government was responsible for 37 per cent of the total guaranteed exports, the British view was that the agreement would not work if America did not take part.

The British expressed willingness to resume talks for a new agreement.—United Press.

Crisis Threat In Turkey

Ankara, July 8.

A crisis threatened the Turkish Government today after yesterday's stormy debate over the new electoral law when the Democratic Party (Opposition) abruptly withdrew from the National Assembly.

The Assembly passed the law but there was considerable newspaper support today for the Democrats who claimed it would allow fraudulent practices.

The Democratic Party, organized in 1945 when the Government granted permission for other parties to be formed, alleged that past elections were unfair and that the National Assembly did not represent the nation.

The Republican Peoples Party (Government) hold 403 seats in the Assembly. The Democrats 54.—Reuter.

ELECTRICITY WARNING TO BRITAIN

London, July 8.

The Labour Minister, Mr. George Isaacs, told the House of Commons today that shops, offices, warehouses, hotels and theatres must join factories in reducing their electricity consumption of 20 per cent during the peak hours next December, January and February.

Last year, only industrial plants came under compulsory reduction—it was then 33.1/3 per cent. The peak hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Mr. Isaacs said that the regional industrial boards and the local authorities would decide the best means to reduce consumption. Last year a number of firms instituted night shifts to meet the target.

Consumption must be cut because Britain does not restore sufficient generating equipment to meet a peak demand.—United Press.

PALACE GARDEN PARTY

London, July 8.

More than 6,000 Britons and a handful of Americans flocked to Buckingham Palace today for tea and cream cakes with the King and Queen.

In the vast palace gardens, the King and Queen, Princess Margaret, Queen Mary, Royal Dukes and Duchesses mingled with the crowds for two hours. Only the very elite of the British empire and the diplomats in corp were invited to the garden party.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh did not attend.—United Press.

SOVIET DROPS A HINT

Washington, July 8.

A Moscow broadcast for home consumption stirred new interest here about what progress, if any, Russia has made toward producing the atomic bomb.

A professor Zvorykin told his Russian listeners that "discoveries by Soviet scientists of new methods for the study of processes of fusion of atomic nuclei light diffusion, the fusion of uranium nuclei . . . and many other subjects have given Soviet scientists one of the leading places in the world."—United Press.

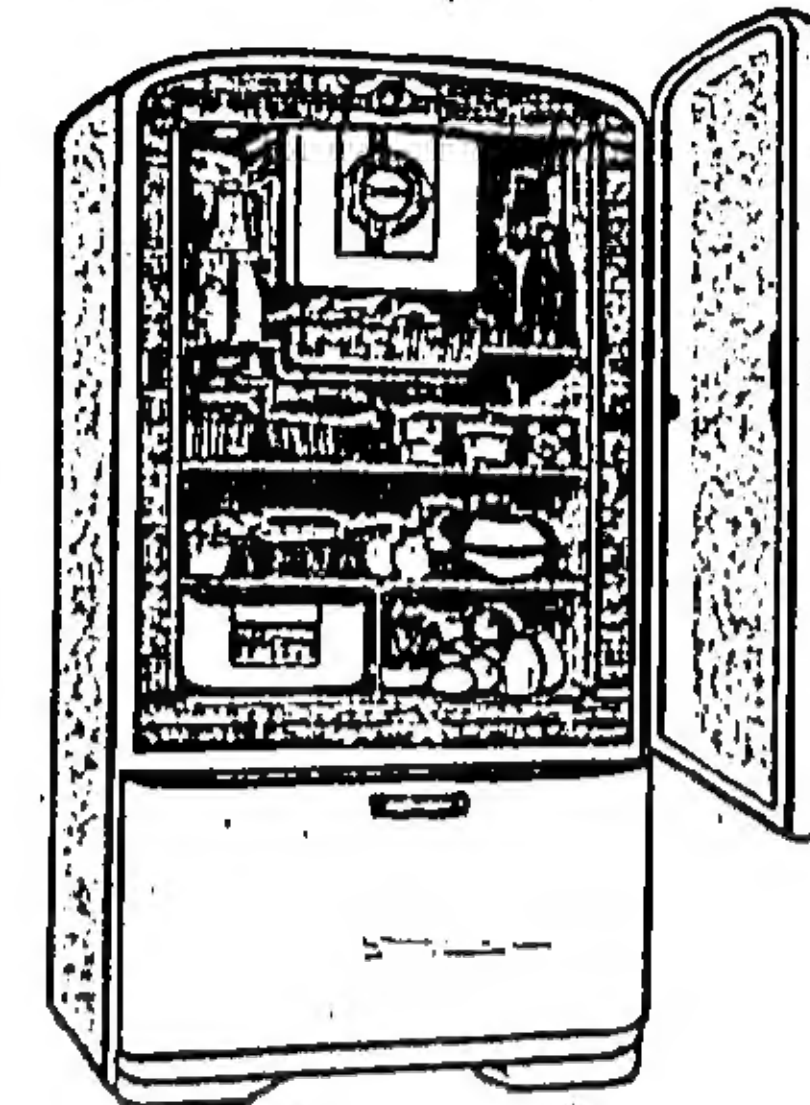
MALAN ON SW AFRICA

Capetown, July 8.

Dr. D. F. Malan, Prime Minister of South Africa, stated today that South West Africa's representation in the Union's Parliament is urgent.

Colonel P. J. Hoogenhout, South West Africa Administrator, stated in Windhoek today that he has taken immediate steps to communicate with the executive committee of the United Party and the National Party to arrange an early conference on this question.—United Press.

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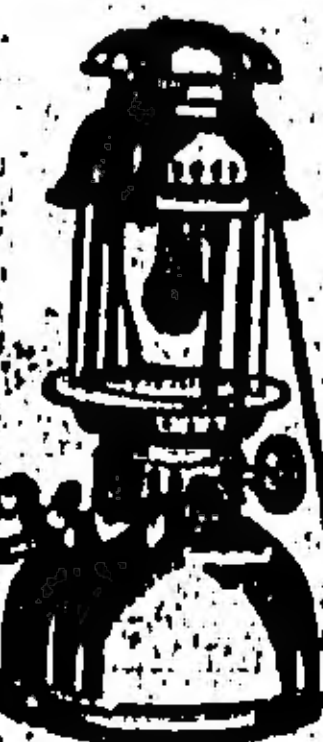
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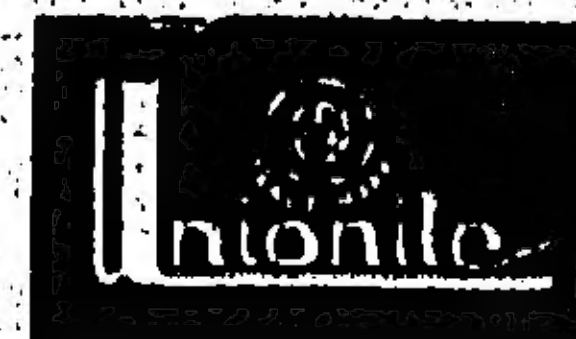
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POWERS AT LOGGERHEADS OVER PROTEST NOTES TO RUSSIANS To Publish Or Not To Publish?

Washington, July 8.
The three Western powers were in disagreement over plans for publishing their protest notes to Russia over the Berlin blockade situation, American press reports said today.

Officials in Washington, London and Paris were said to be trying to iron out the differences. The publication time for the notes, which insisted that the Russians lift the blockade, remains to be fixed, but seems likely to fall within the next few days.

According to the press reports, the British and French views on the one hand, and the

Breach In The Front

Paris, July 8.
Etienne Fajon, the French Communist Party delegate to the Cominform meeting which condemned Marshal Tito, told the Executive Committee of the French Communist Party today that Yugoslav leaders had "tried to open a breach in the front of democracy and peace."

"The breach will be closed and the front will be strengthened," he added.

"By forcing the Yugoslav leaders to accept the information Bureau served not only 'the world cause of Communism and peace but also the cause of the Yugoslav Communists.'"

—Reuter.

US Bids For Middle East Oil

London, July 9.
The American Independent Oil Company announced that it has outbid petroleum firms of two nations for rights in the Kuwait Saudi Arabia "neutral zone" in the heart of the Middle East's major oil region.

Ralph K. Davies, president of the San Francisco firm, said that Sheikh Ahmad Ibn Jabir As-Sabah ruler of Kuwait has granted the American Independent company full rights of exploration and development in his undivided half interest in the zone.

The Sheikh holds the area jointly with King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia.

The area of the concession is a semi-desert territory 50 miles long from east to west and averaging 45 miles wide.

Davies, who is former U.S. Deputy petroleum administrator for war, said the Gulf Oil Corporation, The Amerasia Oil Company, the Burmah Oil Company and the Shell Oil Company were among the unsuccessful bidders. The Superior Oil Company and the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation had also made overtures for the area. —Associated Press.

American views on the other, appeared to reflect different estimates of the seriousness of the conflict in Berlin.

Britain and France, according to reports from their capitals, were said to have been pressing for a prompt publication of the notes delivered to the Russians on Tuesday.

It was reported here that the British and French Foreign Offices believed the important consideration in one of propaganda. They were understood to argue that the Western powers should not give the Russians a chance to publish an unfavourable reply before the Western powers published their protest.

The State Department, however, is understood to hold that the issues are of such extreme seriousness that propaganda is of secondary importance.

American officials are said to have argued with British and French diplomats that it would be defensible to take any action on the publication of the notes which might tend to discourage a favourable Russian reply, or to lay the Western powers open to a charge that they had hurt the chance of a settlement with a premature publication of their notes. —Reuter.

London View Of Tito's Heresy

London, July 9.
A source close to high British authorities said tonight that the British leaders believe Yugoslavia's quarrel with the Communist Information Bureau "is the most important thing that has happened for years."

He said Russia's alternatives over Marshal Tito's defiance of his "self exclusion" from the Cominform are either to "back down" by doing nothing about it or to "try physically to put a stop to it" by using force.

He made no guess about what would happen.

The British Cabinet, he said, believed that the quarrel over Communist principles is "very weakening" for the Russians because Tito's "heresy strikes at the very philosophic basis" of Russian Communism as propounded by Lenin and Stalin.

The source said he was sure that British propagandists "are not neglecting the opportunity to exploit the split behind the Iron Curtain." He declined to say how it was being exploited. —Associated Press.

NO CHANGES IN STATUS OF HK

London, July 8.
David Rees Williams, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, said today that no change is contemplated in the status of Hong Kong as a Crown Colony.

In a written reply to a question in the House of Commons, Mr. Rees Williams added that there will be no change in the character of Hong Kong as a naval base.

"Hong Kong will remain the operational and training base of the fleet in the Far East," he said. —Associated Press.

FRANCE WARNS REDS: "WE STAY IN BERLIN"

Paris, July 8.
France has demanded that Russia immediately restore traffic into blockaded Berlin, it was reported today. The French were said to have warned the Russians that they had no intention of leaving the German capital.

Details of the French note, handed on Tuesday to the Soviet Ambassador here, Alexandre Bogomolov, have not been officially made public.

But a reliable Foreign Ministry source said that the note reminded Moscow that it was the Russians themselves who requested the British, American and French Governments to undertake the feeding of the Western Sectors of Berlin.

So far as France is concerned, the agreement to do so is still in force, this source said. The note then demanded that the Russians take all necessary steps to restore freight and passenger traffic into the city.

The note pointed out that France is willing to accept a settlement of the whole Berlin question on a quadripartite Berlin level, on condition that all freight and passenger traffic and all communications are restored first.

It added that French troops were in Berlin by virtue of the Four Power accord after the fall of Germany, and that Berlin was not part of the Soviet Zone, but constitutes an international zone of occupation.

It then placed the blame on the Soviet authorities in Berlin for cutting communications into the city, ending the Kommandatura and rupturing German monetary unity by introducing a new money in the Soviet Zone instead of joining the other three Powers in a common new money, according to this source. —United Press.

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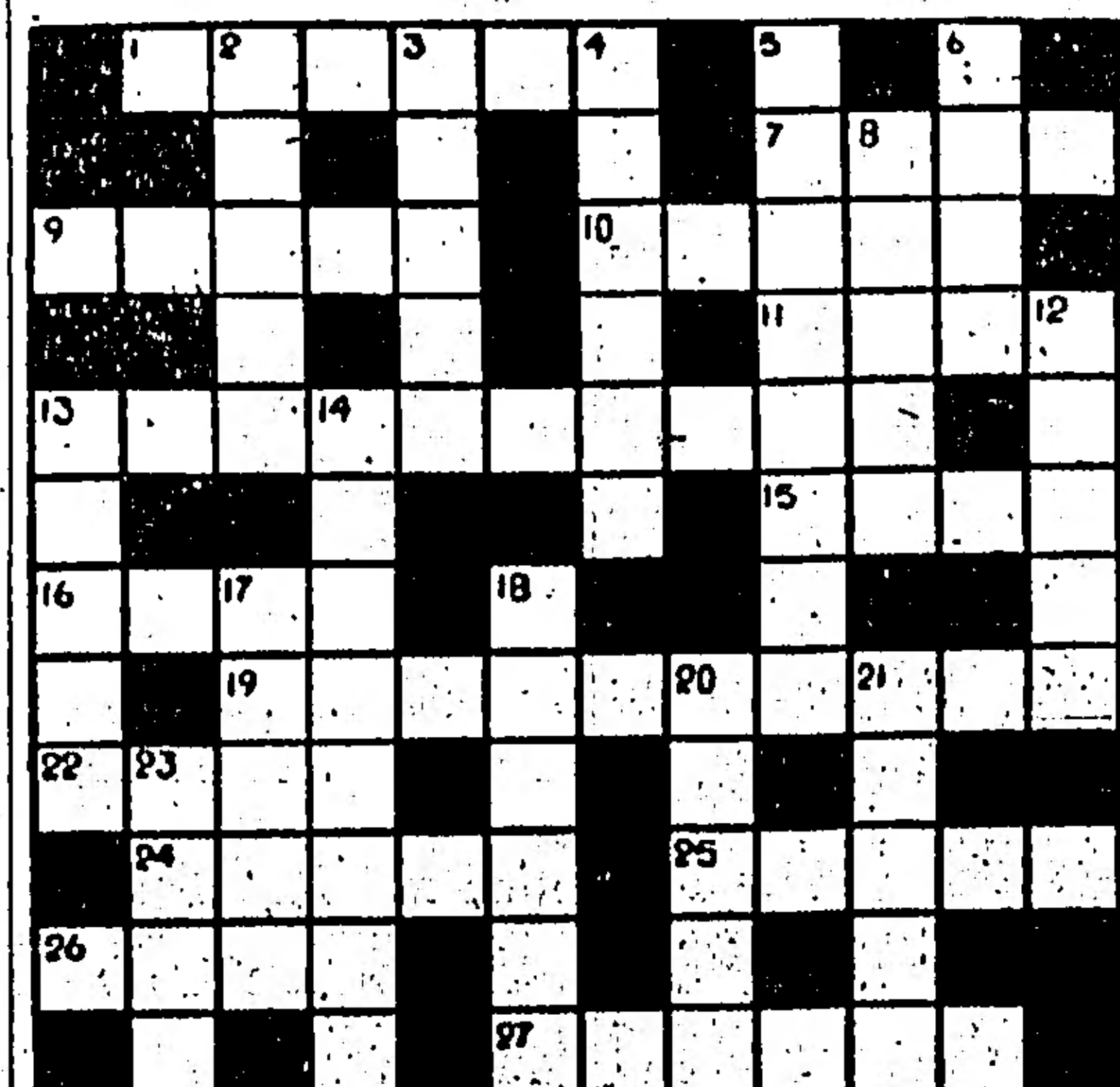
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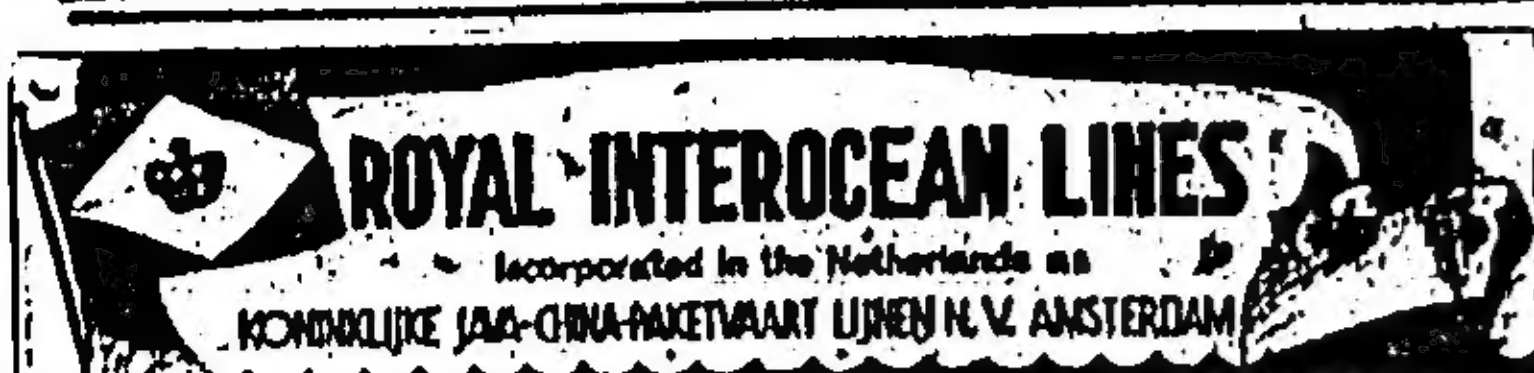
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- for breath.
- Acquaintance.
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- Power.
- Crisis.
- Obtain by threats.

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- Souvenir.
- Gem.
- Idler.
- Ninepins.
- Equal.
- Efface.
- Doctrine.
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- Contrary.
- Fight.
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- tool.
- Angst.

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	10th August	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"

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BASEBALL

Braves Halt Dodgers

New York, July 9. Jimmy Russell's four-run homer with two out in the eighth gave the National League leading Boston Braves a 7-4 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers and halted the Dodgers' winning streak at six games today.

Eddie Stanky, the Braves' second baseman, and Bruce Edwards, Dodger third sacker, both were hurt when the collision in the third inning.

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The Cleveland Indians in the American League turned their batting power on Al Butler, an All-Star, in a decisive victory. The Indians scored four runs in the first inning and two more in the fifth to win 10-4.

At New York, Tommy Hendrich's bases-loaded homer off Carl Scheib helped the Yankees snap a four-game losing streak at the expense of the Philadelphia Athletics. The Yankees won 6-5.

The Detroit Tigers hung up their fourth straight win behind Royal Tuckers five hit pitching, defeating Saint Louis 12-2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Boston	7	0	0
Brooklyn	4	2	0
Cincinnati	4	0	0
Cleveland	10	4	0
Chicago	0	7	1
Philadelphia	5	8	0
Pittsburgh	6	0	0
Saint Louis	12	5	2
San Francisco	1	1	0
Washington	1	1	0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago	1	7	0
Cleveland	14	15	1
Philadelphia	5	8	0
Pittsburgh	6	0	0
Saint Louis	12	5	2
San Francisco	1	1	0
Washington	1	1	0

Not A Social Occasion

London, July 9. Henry Cotton, commenting today on Johnny Bulla's charges that American golfers were snubbed during the British Open golf championships in Scotland last week said "the Open is an important event not a social occasion."

"I have several dinner parties attended by Americans," the champion added. "Bulla was not a guest as he was staying at another hotel. He is a great player and popular here."

The champion's wife said "It might be sour grapes. Henry has not been snubbed."

Correspondents who covered the tournament saw signs of the conditions mentioned by Bulla who incidentally drew a large gallery every time he played and is well liked by the British fans.

The fact that Bulla was not satisfied with something was rumoured at the time but the American never made any concrete statements on the subject.

Olympic Swimmers

Delroit, July 9. Three candidates who have won their Olympic swimming berths settled back to watch Friday's competition which would go a long way in deciding the make-up of the remainder of the team.

Wally Kilg, Keith Carter, and Alan Ford, sprint specialists, began yesterday the first three to win their places when they finished in that order in the final of the 100-metre Olympic swimming trial event.

The team leaves for London on July 14 by plane.

Several false starts delayed the event, thus putting off all the participants and slowing them to nearly a second below the Olympic record.

His was finished at 0:54.4 sec. Carter at 0:57.1 and Ford at 0:59.9.

Manchester, July 9. England, continuing their first innings in the third Test today at Old Trafford, brought their overnight score of 231 for seven wickets to 323 without loss.

Denis Compton's left eye was badly bruised and partly closed this morning, following the injury he received yesterday when he hooked a noball from Lindwall into his face. However, he showed no signs of any handicap when he practiced at the nets half an hour before play was due to start.

The sky was overcast but the wind was in the wrong direction to carry much threat of rain.

Over 20,000 were present when England's innings was resumed, and they gave Bedser a cheer of appreciation and encouragement when he leaped forward and caught three Lindwall's fast deliveries for two.

But he was fortunate in not being bowled by the last ball of the over, which sawing a good deal, and missed the off-stump by a cent of an inch.

In Bill Johnston's first over to Compton, the Middlesex player cut the first ball for a six and took another two with a leg glance.

Bedser's over was a maiden over for him but Compton was completely at ease against the bowler, and a leg glance took him to face Lindwall for the first time for the opening of the first bowler's third over.

Several Bumpers In an endeavour to finish England's innings quickly and while the shine remained on the ball, Lindwall frequently introduced his faster ball and tried Compton with several bumpers, all of which the batsman played with an assurance amounting almost to disdain.

Bedser began to show more certainty and turned a good score back from Lindwall for the first boundary of the day.

Thursday's Play

Compton Averted Collapse Denis Compton, batting with a plaster over his stitched forehead wound once again saved England from a complete collapse on an easy paced pitch, which offered the Australians little, if any, assistance, and at the close of play England had scored 231 for seven wickets.

Despite his injury, Compton exposed the dreadful failures of other England batsmen and he did not flinch when Lindwall gave him the usual supply of bumpers on resuming.

Compton and Evans provided the brightest cricket of the day with 75 in 70 minutes. Edrich, during his three hours fighting cricket, was only a shadow of the brilliant batsman who finished South Africa's bowling for 101 in the corresponding Test last summer. But he earned admiration for the plucky way in which he refused to be upset, either by falling wickets or his occasional mistakes.

Cripp, England's new left-hander, stepped into the breach at a critical period but showed no sign of anxiety. He took no chances and the forward defensive stroke was the most notable characteristic of his batting. His 37 in two hours and 40 minutes was a pleasing form for his first Test.

Washbrook, Emmott, Dollery and Yardley all failed to rise to the occasion in conditions favouring batsmen.

Lindwall, without any help from a true pitch, again bowled splendidly. He produced the occasional extra fast ball that was always tantalising.

A cold wind sprang up after lunch and the Australians jumped about in the field to keep themselves warm.

A Six Bill Johnston and Ian Johnson shared the attack, and in the latter's first over Cripp smote a no-ball high over the sight screen for a six. Otherwise patience was again the order.

Cripp batted without error and appeared to have no difficulty in dealing with Ian Johnson's off-breaks, which were broken to the left-hander. Edrich, however, was worried by the introduction of Toshack at 69, mistiming twice in one over.

Cripp's restraint began to test Ian Johnson's patience. When he over-pitched, twice in one over to complete a stroke, Cripp found himself with sparkling off-drives. With increased confidence and after making the partnership 51 runs in 90 minutes, he again drove Ian Johnson for four. Edrich remained at 10 for a long time.

When the total at 87 scored from 28 overs, Lindwall and Bill Johnston took the new ball.

Lindwall bowled faster than in either of his previous spells and twice in his first over Edrich looked to be in trouble through the slip for four.

The first ball of Lindwall's next over broke the stubborn stand when it had added 68 in just under two hours. Cripp went across to cover up but the ball broke back sharply and got him leg-before at 66.

Dollery survived the remainder of Lindwall's very fast over, taking a single off the last ball, but he was yorked by the first ball of Bill Johnston's next over. Thus two wickets had fallen within the space of one run, making four down for 97.

While these wickets were falling, Compton had had ten minutes of net practice to the bowling of Pollard, Young and Wardle, a wise procedure to ensure confidence for his return to the crease.

The loud-speaker announcement that he had recovered and would bat when required raised the biggest cheer of the day.

After the hundred was raised in three hours and ten minutes, Yardley took two fours in one of

Lindwall's overs. Then at 119 came another setback for England.

Lindwall, after serving 32 in three hours, was snapped at the wicket. Lindwall, still bowling very fast, pitched a good length delivery on the off-stump, and for only the second time today, the ball rose sharply and Edrich, like Emmott, could not withdraw his bat quickly enough.

In the fourth over after tea and without an addition to the total, Yardley lifted a catch to Ian Johnson at deep mid-wicket.

Not Too Sure Evans, who joined Compton, helped to send up 150 after four hours and 35 minutes. Ian Johnson, relieving Toshack at 170 kept Evans quiet but Compton, although not sure in his timing, took a couple of boundaries. Evans defended strongly and stayed 15 minutes at 10 runs before driving Ian Johnson straight for four. In the next over Compton completed 50 in one hour and 55 minutes, having hit five fours.

Compton, when at 50, offered a difficult chance to Tallon off Lindwall, who had changed ends. Evans celebrated this escape by driving Ian Johnson for four to hoist the 200 in just under five and a half hours.

Evans, who like Compton used his feet to advantage, helped to add 75 before giving an easy catch to mid-on at 210. Evans, who mistimed an attempted hook stroke, batted for 70 minutes. Compton, joined by Bedser, progressed slowly but surely and, surviving a confident appeal for leg-before from Bill Johnston off the last ball of the day, remained undefeated at the close.

Kemp, who had a great chance when leading 5-4 in the second set, but Miers fought back to level and in the 13th game broke through and held his own service for the set.

The other semi-final between Eric Sturgess, the South African champion, and Denis Slack, of Great Britain, will be played tomorrow.

The Hong Kong University Football Club, which first joined the local Football Association in 1914, has applied for re-admission. The University was a member of the association in 1914, but did not rejoin after the war. It will enter a team in the second division.

Footballer Sentenced

Arnhem, July 9. A Dutch footballer, A. H. Van Osh, was sentenced to two months imprisonment in the District Court here today for putting an opponent in a match at Zutphen with the deliberate intention of harming him.

The player collapsed after Van Osh had rushed at him with his head down, and had to spend several weeks in the hospital.

Under Dutch law, dangerous play in sport is subject to prosecution.—Reuter.

Stiffest Bowls Test For CCC

Craigengower Cricket Club will receive one of their stiffest tests in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League when they meet Kowloon Cricket Club this afternoon at Happy Valley.

Craigengower will field the same team which lost two points to Kowloon Dock last week and will be playing on their own turf, Kowloon Cricket Club.

Recruiters are hunting a bid to win all the three championships. Last week they won on all three in the three day games. They have the distinction of scoring the first eight of the season when L. Silva's rink of the "B" team made that score against G. Willerton's four on the Hong Kong Football Club last week.

Recruiters are at present leading in the First Division and should win against Indian Recreation Club, Recruiters "A" are to meet Filipino Club, Filipino Club have done well in winning their last two games. Their win over Talloos was a well deserved one.

Talloos are meeting Kowloon Cricket Club in the Second Division and cannot afford to drop any more points if they wish to gain promotion.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

The following are today's Lawn Bowls fixtures:

FIRST DIVISION

Recruiters v I.R.C.

Craigengower v K.C.C.

H.K.F.C. v K. Dock

2ND DIVISION ("A" SECTION)

K.C.C. v Talloos

I.R.C. v H.K.C.C.

Filipino Club v Recruiters

2ND DIVISION ("B" SECTION)

H.K.F.C. v C.C.C.

K.B.G.C. v Recruiters

Electric v P.O. Club

6 Somerset Wickets Fall For 19 Runs

London, July 8.

Old Trafford was not the only place where wickets fell today. At Taunton, six Somerset wickets went down in an hour for 19 runs before lunch, following a rather remarkable occurrence.

Gimblett and Hill had been scoring steadily when Lancashire's Hilton, in stopping a drive with his boot spiked the ball, necessitating a new one.

Roberts and Cranston then began the rout with the new ball.

While George Emmott and Jack Crapp were fighting in the Test, their Gloucestershire colleagues met with bowling successes at Chesterfield. The Derbyshire batsmen found the spinners of Goddard and the pace of Scott and Lambert troublesome and were all out for 100.

Then it was the turn of Glimblett and Jackson so that at the end of the day, Derby wanted 270 to win with all their second innings wickets intact.

Liddle Outchom. Worcester-shire's Ceylon born all-rounder, was in form with the bat against Surrey at the Oval, scoring a chanceless 78.

Blown Off Board

Scarborough, July 8. A fierce wind whipped the surface of the open air pool here into turbulent waves and caused the postponement of the diving events in the English Amateur Swimming Association championships today and delayed the start of the swimming heats.

The diving was halted after one trial diver had been blown off the board.

Swirling rain and a low temperature, added to the general misery of competitors and Paine, the Ballantyne, who had just returned from India, clutched a water bottle while waiting her turn on the springboard.—Reuter.

Too Much Water

Scarborough, England, July 9. The English swimming championships, yesterday, were delayed by too much water. The pool by the sea was flooded when it surged over the breakwater.—Associated Press.

NO LOGICAL CONTENDER FOR JOE LOUIS' CROWN

The National Boxing Association of America, which controls boxing outside New York State, today announced its quarterly ratings and decided that there is no logical contender for the world heavyweight championship which Joe Louis has said he is relinquishing.

Jersey Joe Walcott, whom Louis knocked out recently, and Lee Savold, of New York, are merely named "outstanding boxers."

The NBA gives "honourable mentions" to 11 other heavyweights including Arturo Godoy, of Chile, and Olle Tandberg, of Sweden, who is placed Number 9 on the list.

Bruce Woodcock, the British champion, is not mentioned. The NBA is announcing the rankings, Mr. Abe Greene, President of the NBA, warned that unless all the champions got off their "exalted high horses" and permitted more general competition there was a grave chance of the sport dying.

The NBA will shortly announce a programme to make the heavy-weight "confusion" and it is promised that the rotation will be "equitable."

Two European boxers figure among contenders for other titles. In the middleweight class, Marcel Cerdan, of France, and Bert Lyell, of California, are named as the logical contenders to Champion Tony Zale, while Guido Ferracini, of Italy, is among the logical contenders for the bantamweight division.—Reuter.

Asked if he and his British and French counterparts would accept any German proposed changes, General Clay replied: "I doubt it."

He explained that the Allied chiefs here do not have the power to go along with the German suggestions.

General Clay, who flew in here from what he described as "a soldier's holiday" at the Frunzenwehr training grounds in Bavaria, said that the Germans would have to accept the six-power London agreements "unless they're willing to settle for less."

General Clay sidestepped all questions on the Berlin situation "because I have not been there all day."—United Press.

Army Swim Carnival

The Army Sports Board are holding an inter-unit swimming meeting at the Garrison Swimming Bath, Victoria Barracks at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12.

The following are the events: 100 yards free-style, 100 yards breast-stroke, 100 yards back-stroke and 100 yards relay.

An inter-unit water polo game will be played at the end of the sports.

Spectators are requested to use the Queen's Road entrance to the Barracks.

N. AMERICAN DAVIS CUP PLAY

Montreal, July 8. Canada and Mexico each won one singles match on the opening day of their North American Zone Davis Cup tie here today.

The winners meet the winners of the Australia-Cuba tie in the final.

Today's results: H. Rochon (Canada) beat F. Guerrero (Mexico), 6-2, 7-5, 6-4. A. Vega (Mexico) beat B. MacKen (Canada), 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.—Reuter.

OFFENDED THE POPE?

Rome, July 9. Justice Minister, Giuseppe Grassi, today asked the Italian Parliament to grant him permission to institute legal action against the Communist woman deputy Laura Diaz, on charges of offending the Pope.

Grassi's formal request was presented to the Assembly President. He charged that Diaz, allegedly calling the Pope's hands were dripping with innocent blood, violated the Italian penal code and is punishable by up to five years' imprisonment.—United Press.

MORE CZECHS DESERT

Milan, July 9. The Czechoslovak Ambassador and the First Secretary in Budapest arrived in Venice today, declaring they had abandoned their posts because they did not agree with the Czechoslovak President, M. Klement Gottwald's policy.

The two diplomats, M. Francel Gerny, the Ambassador, and M. Bohmer, the First Secretary, said there was widespread discontent in Czechoslovakia.

They are proceeding to Paris by car where they intend to join the "Free" Czech movement.—Reuter.

SNOW IN ALPS

London, July 9. The Swiss Radio reported today that snowfall in the Alps was causing damage to Swiss agriculture. In central Switzerland, the Danes, Cheval and other cattle had to be driven down to lower regions.

High water levels have brought shipping on the upper Rhine to a standstill since Tuesday. With a temperature of 0.3 Centigrade in Zurich yesterday, was the second coldest day since the meteorological station in Zurich came into being in 1864.—Reuter.

Koreans In London

London, July 9. The first colours to be hoisted alongside the Olympic flag here are those of the 27 Koreans, who have just arrived. The hoisting of the flag was performed by the manager, Han-pun Chung, to the accompaniment of a fanfare of trumpets.

The total party from Korea will number 67, and 1,400,000 Koreans have contributed to the fund to enable them to take part in the Olympic Games for the first time.—Reuter.

K.O. IN COUNCIL HALL

Karachi, July 9. The Karachi Corporation Hall was turned into a boxing arena last night when Council for A. A. Khin knocked out another Council member, Mirza Adam, with two hard punches to the face.

When the Deputy Mayor, who was in the chair, called Khan, the Mayor chair towards the Deputy Mayor who leaped up and escaped to his chamber.

The Corporation was discussing a motion on A. A. Khan for his alleged misbehaviour with the Corporation Chief Officer of a previous occasion.

Mirza Adam lost two teeth when he was knocked out.—Associated Press.

BLACKMARKET DEFIES RAIDS

Shanghai, July 9. The blackmarket United States dollar today made sudden \$500,000 jump, hit \$4,800,000 despite large-scale police raids on establishments suspected of illegal transactions.

The gold price rose CN\$20,000,000 in the past 24 hours to reach \$240,000,000 per ounce. Of the stock market, trading was suspended this afternoon after quotations for all Chinese shares had fallen 15 per cent. ceiling limit.

Urgent economic measures undertaken by the authorities this week, which included a search for the city's gold reserves by 8,000 police and gendarmes, brought only two-week halt to China's spiralling inflation.

Exchange surrender certificate remained steady and were quoted at the same premium as yesterday—\$2,070,000.—Reuter.

Ambassador To Egypt

Washington, July 9. President Truman today appointed Mr. Stanton Griffis, the present United States Ambassador to Poland, to be Ambassador to Egypt.

Waldemar J. Gullman, career diplomat, was appointed to succeed Mr. Griffis as Ambassador to Poland. Both men are at present in the United States.

Mr. Griffis was appointed Ambassador to Poland in April 1947. He goes to Cairo in place of Mr. Pinkney Somerville, the first American Ambassador to Egypt, who resigned at the end of May.

Mr. Gullman has for four years been Minister-Counselor at the United States Embassy in London.—Reuter.

TALKS WITH PORTUGAL

London, July 9. Financial and trade talks with Portugal are to open with the Treasury in London towards the middle of the month.

Discussions will deal with financial arrangements, including the year-end and will examine possibilities of increasing trade between Britain and Portugal beyond the volume agreed last year.—United Press.

JAPS WON'T BE THERE

Tokyo, July 9. Owing to the impending election of the International Labour Organization, now in session at Geneva, the Japanese Government has abandoned hopes of sending Japanese observers.

Japanese representatives already been selected and permission to travel has been requested through Geneva. Arthur's Headquarters.—Reuter.

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